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Talks will examine town centre business proposal

A MEETING is due to take place next month which could determine a way forward in Oswestry becoming a Business Improvement District (BID).

The idea would mean a slight increase in rates paid by each business but the money raised could then bring in matched funding for projects to improve the town centre and bring in more visitors. At Monday night's meeting of Oswestry Town Council's finance and general purposes committee, councillors were told that following the April 25 meeting, formal feedback would be made to Oswestry Chamber of Commerce and the council to enable discussion and to determine a way forward.

Town Clerk David Preston told councillors there was commitment from Shropshire Council for the event to go ahead on April 25 and said he needed to confirm Oswestry Chamber of Commerce was still happy for it to take place following the resignation of the group's chairman Jools Payne on Friday.

Last year councillors were told Oswestry town centre could benefit from £900,000 of funding if it became a BID town.

There are 200 BID towns and cities across the UK, including Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury's BID has already brought in a series of initiatives.

More than three quarters of businesses voted 'yes' for the BID and as a result £1.6 million will be invested to improve the town's commercial environment for more than 500 businesses.

At Monday night's meeting, Councillor Chris Schofield paid tribute to Mrs Payne following her resignation.

He said: "I'd like to thank Jools for all the hard work she's done in the chamber."

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NEW SHOP PLANS BRING JOBS HOPE

Report by Naomi Penrose

WELSHPOOL looks set to enjoy a business boost with high street giants setting their sights on opening up shops and creating jobs.

The town is currently enjoying a wave of interest from a host of big names including baking chain Greggs who are looking to open up in Welshpool while Aldi has confirmed it has plans to set up shop and Powys County Council has approved plans for a new B&M store, next to Tesco.

Deputy Mayor Steve Kaye, also chair of Welshpool Business Forum, said: "It's good news for the town. Big names will bring more people here, as well as keeping people in the town because a lot of Welshpool's population go to Oswestry for their shopping. These plans are certainly encouraging."

Steve Kaye

This week Greggs confirmed their interest in the town, after advertising a shop manager position for Welshpool, as well as two team member vacancies.

Last month it was announced up to 70 new jobs could be created as plans for a B&M store in Welshpool were approved by planning bosses.

Aldi last week announced it was preparing a proposal for a new food store in Welshpool on Mill Lane, adjacent to the Smithfield Bell pub, which could create 40 jobs.

Councillor Kaye said: "This is an exciting time for Welshpool. We've been through a recession but investment has been on the up. Things aren't going to be perfect and cuts are still coming but things are certainly on the up for Welshpool.

"The town council has done a lot too, especially in the last few years in terms of taking on services, then of course we have the super school on the way, and now the prospect of jobs if these big names are coming to town. Welshpool is in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. You've just got to build on the positives and nip the negatives in the bud."

Literary festival set to draw in the crowds

Oswestry Library assistants Nicola Scott and Lynne Padday take a look at some of the events planned for LitFest. Photo: Jamie Ricketts.

THIS year's Oswestry Literary Festival is about to kick off – with book lovers expected to flock to the town for the four-day extravaganza.

The festival, dubbed a Long Lit Weekend by organisers, starts today (Thursday) when a panel of young authors chat about their work during an event at North Shropshire College.

Other highlights will be an appearance by poet and broadcaster Owen Sheers who will deliver the Wilfred Owen Lecture at Holy Trinity Church tomorrow night while former Blue Peter presenter Janet Ellis will be in Oswestry on Sunday to chat about her new book.

Venues throughout the town, including Oswestry Library, will be hosting LitFest events.

This year's festival will include a KidsLit Day, including story time sessions and activities.

It takes place on Saturday with visiting authors Katherine Woodfine, Simon Furbar, Carron Brown and Georgina Tee dropping in to chat. At 11am in the Willow Gallery, Willow Street, Carron Brown will be revealing the secrets behind her Shine A Light books, which need the reader to use a torch to shine behind pages to reveal hidden images.

Katherine Woodfine will be inviting young detectives to take part in a whodunnit session at Qube at 1pm. Comic book artist Simon Furbar will lead a session for anyone aged from seven at 2pm at The Centre, Oak Street.

Visit www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk for the full programme.

COURT

Woman denies conning farmer out of £300,000

A WOMAN accused of playing a part in conning an Oswestry farmer out of his £300,000 inheritance told police she had nothing to do with the offence, a court heard.

Vicky Shearer said she did not assist in the draining of funds from George Davies's account. Mr Davies was persuaded to transfer the cash to an international bank account via two payments in 2008 and 2009 by a cold-caller.

Michael Smith, Shearer's former partner, has already admitted his part in the scam and may have used a false name to entice Mr Davies to part with the cash.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard this week Mr Davies was targeted by phone and email over a lengthy period of time by a man who gave his name as Nick Lowe.

Shearer, 35, of Linwood Close in Camberwell, London, and Karl Quinlan, 36, of Bellwood Drive, York, are standing trial accused of playing a part in the five-year conspiracy to defraud the farmer. Both deny the charge.

Shearer told police she was in a relationship with Smith from 2003 to 2009 – but said it had become strained from 2006 and the couple had had little contact with each other. She said she had never heard Smith use any other names in business deals and told officers she was "shocked" when he called her in 2010 to say he had been arrested for fraud.

The trial continues.

INVESTMENT

Leisure centre to get £1.1m upgrade

THE Flash Leisure Centre in Welshpool is to undergo a £1.1million upgrade.

Freedom Leisure, in partnership with Powys County Council, will improve the centre with the work including the transformation of the existing catering area on the first floor into a state-of-the-art fitness facility. A new gym will include a dedicated functional training area.

Freedom Leisure will convert an upstairs existing meeting room into an indoor cycling studio, and on the lower floor, the existing gym will become a new dance studio, to allow the centre to offer group classes.

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Kidnap case jury carries on with court discussions

Report by Emma Walker

A JURY is continuing its deliberations in a blackmail case involving an alleged kidnap.

Nathan Parry, 37, of Jack's Wood, Ellesmere Port and Natalie Goode, 33, of Willow Road, Lache, Chester, deny charges of kidnapping, blackmail and false imprisonment.

Parry also pleads not guilty to intimidating the alleged victim, a 33-year-old man who lives in the Oswestry/Welshpool area.

During the trial the jury at Caernarfon Crown Court heard about Parry's criminal past.

He admitted that he'd been a cannabis dealer while working as a car valeter for a motor dealership.

Parry told his barrister he'd had a seven year sentence for robbery in 2002 and one of nine years in 2006.

He told the crown court on Friday last week: "I have a bad record and wish I could go back and change my life."

Parry claimed he knew the victim "through drugs," though the man has denied any involvement in drugs or a turf war.

He insisted he wasn't the third man in the kidnap, in which the prosecution allege that the victim was put in a black stolen Audi in which there were two bogus policemen. The jury was told the victim was blindfolded and handcuffed.

John Philpotts, prosecuting, has told the jury that the story is "more like a television police drama."

According to the prosecution the Audi had pulled up in the victim's driveway between Oswestry and Welshpool.

Parry said that because of his cannabis activities he changed his mobile phones every two or three weeks. He had not been the person who threatened the victim earlier this year by phone. Asked by defence counsel Gareth Roberts if he had anything to do with the kidnap he replied : "I did not have anything to do with it."

He was questioned at length by Mr Philpotts about various phone calls. Parry said: "I admit being involved in drugs. I don't like it but I'm doing it to prove my innocence."

Two men have pleaded guilty to their part in the events but Parry denied he was using one of them "as a convenient person to blame everything on."

The case, before Judge Philip Harris-Jenkins, continues.

Old ward names brought back to life at hospital

An artist impression of the outside of the new complex at Oswesty Orthopaedic Hospital

THREE old ward names that were filed away in the history books of Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital will be brought back to life in its new £15.1million theatre and ward complex.

Artist impressions have been released of the complex, which is due to open to patients in the autumn.

It will include four state-of-the-art operating theatres, as well as a number of other wards and departments.

A new, 10-bedded ward will be Oswald Ward while the outpatients' department for tumour patients will be known as the Montgomery Unit, and the admission on day of surgery department the Baschurch Day Unit. The names were chosen from a shortlist of seven historical ward names, with staff being given the chance to vote for their favourites.

A hospital Patient Panel were also involved in the process, deciding which area was allocated which of the three chosen names. Julie Roberts, acting deputy director of nursing, said: "This new development is going to make a massive difference to patients and staff. The environment will be bright and modern and the facilities will be cutting edge.

"It will help ensure we have an exciting future ahead of us, but we also think it is important that we give a nod to our rich heritage and history. Our worldwide reputation is based on that history, and we decided one tangible way we could mark that in this new building was by reviving some of the ward names that have been used in years gone by, but which had since fallen out of use.

"We were determined to ensure that our staff and patients were given a voice in this, which is why we decided to hold a vote to choose the names to be used. Oswald clearly has close links to the town of Oswestry, Baschurch is the village where the hospital was founded, and the selection of Montgomery recognises our close ties to Wales."

Talks to be staged over health care

THE case for Oswestry to get an urgent care centre will gather pace as health officials meet to further discuss the shake-up of Shropshire's health services.

Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the organisation responsible for healthcare in the county, will hold a meeting next week on the provision of urgent care across the county.

The talks were announced at a meeting of Oswestry Town Council, as the authority once again stressed the importance of the town having an urgent care centre, as well as calling for Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to keep its A&E department.

Town Clerk David Preston informed councillors at their latest meeting on Monday that Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group had organised a meeting in the town on Wednesday at the Guildhall.

The meeting in Oswestry is just one of a number organised by the CCG taking place across the county.

At the meeting on Monday night, concerns were raised about the effect losing Shrewsbury's A&E services would have on Oswestry residents.

Councillor John Gareth Jones said: "My concern is we cannot cope with one hospital less coping with emergency care. Telford is an hour, an hour and a half away. That's useless to people without cars, and on public transport that would take a day."

Firms celebrate business success

OSWESTRY firms are celebrating success at an awards ceremony for child-friendly companies.

More than 200 business owners, representatives and guests attended the 2016 Businesses for Children Awards ceremony at the Park Inn in Telford.

The Baby Bird Cafe in Oswestry, owned by Katie Millard, had a triumphant night scooping both best New Business Award and the Business for Babes Award.

The businesswoman said she was "bowled over and overwhelmed" to win the awards.

Sarah Probert of NEST, based at North Shropshire College in Oswestry, was also celebrating after winning the award for best Educational Business for Young People and also the award for Supportive Business for Children and Young People.

Ex-officer apologises for Cheryl investigation

Report by David Banner

A FORMER police inspector has apologised to the family of Deep-cut soldier Cheryl James about the limited police investigation into her death.

The 18-year-old recruit was discovered with a fatal bullet wound on November 27, 1995 – one of four young soldiers to die at the training camp in Surrey over a seven-year period.

Surrey Police had decided there were "no suspicious circumstances" surrounding her death within around two hours of officers arriving at the scene, the inquest at Surrey Coroners Court in Woking was told.

Former Inspector Michael Day arrived at 9.04am and handed the investigation over to the coroner and military at 11.12am, without inspecting the body or weapon himself.

He apologised to the soldier's family and added: "Hindsight is a wonderful thing and if I had to make that decision again I would have without a doubt taken a different course of action."

He added: "There appeared to be no suspicious circumstances and therefore, in conjunction with officers present and the coroner's officer, I made the decision that we would leave it to a coronial investigation and military police would support that investigation rather than Surrey Police."

He said there were no suspicious circumstances "in terms of the position of the body and things around it".

He added that letters found in Cheryl's quarters "suggested that she was troubled over things" but admitted there was never a suggestion of any suicide note.

Alison Foster QC, representing Cheryl's parents, who live at Llanymynech near Oswestry, accused Mr Day of basing his decision on a "set of assumptions" without a proper investigation of the scene.

She added: "By about 11.12am a decision had been reached that this was not a suspicious death; in other words it was a suicide.

"At that point there was no fingerprint evidence taken from the gun. No swabs taken of Cheryl James's hands or face. No fingertip search of the area around the body before it was moved. No ballistics testing of any cartridge case."

Mr Day replied: "From what I was told I was satisfied that was the weapon that had been involved."

The inquest continues.

Chamber boss stands down from role

Businesswoman Jools Payne has stood down as chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce

THE chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has stepped down from the role.

Jools Payne announced she had resigned from her position with immediate effect.

She said she had resigned after it becoming clear she had lost the support of some members of the chamber's committee.

Mrs Payne, who runs a PR and corporate communications business, was elected to the chairman's role in April last year.

She said: "I have resigned as chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce with immediate effect.

"It is clear that I have lost the support of some members of the committee, so I am standing aside with immediate effect to let vice chairman, Neil Jenkins, run the organisation until the annual meeting on April 6 when members will be able to elect a new chairman, officers and executive.

"I tried my best to deliver an active and dynamic chamber for the benefit of all our members and wider business community.

"It has been made abundantly clear by some members of the executive that the considerable time and energy I have put into developing a forceful and influential chamber fell short of their expectations.

"I fundamentally disagree with that view and therefore, am entirely happy to stand aside.

"As is the custom, members will receive the chairman's report detailing our activities over the past 12 months and what I believe has in fact been a very successful year for the chamber."

The chairman's report was due to be delivered this week.

It was due to be delivered alongside the formal annual meeting announcement and nomination papers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cannabis plants are found in raid

MORE than 150 cannabis plants were found during a drugs raid at a property on the Shropshire/Mid Wales border.

Officers discovered a "substantial cannabis production" at the address in Four Crosses, between Oswestry and Welshpool.

A large amount of cash – estimated to be about £10,000 – was found on the occupant of the premises, who was arrested at the scene following the raid over the weekend.

Constable Lindsay Sweetman of Dyfed-Powys Police said: "In total, 156 plants were found in three upstairs rooms, ranging from freshly potted cuttings to sizeable mature plants.

"In addition several large bags of dried cannabis were seized, much of which had been packaged ready for distribution."

Youth worker is ready to wrestle

AN Oswestry youth worker will put his wrestling paint this weekend.

Jay Moore, who runs Fusion Arts at The Centre in Oak Street, found himself in the ring last year during one of the Basix Wrestling nights that he brought to the town. He leapt in when one of the competitors turned on the referee and proved himself a star in the ring.

Now, following months of training Jay is on the bill in the latest Basix Wrestling night at The Centre on Saturday. He will team up with 'The Ironman' Mike Roberts and Bobby Price to face Danny Valentine, Rockgod 50 and H-Block in the main event showdown. Tickets are child, £6, adults, £8 and a family ticket £23.

Author to talk about his work

A SUPPORT group for a heritage railway will welcome an author to its next meeting.

The Welshpool area support group for Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway will meet on Monday when the guest speaker will be author Edward Marston, who created The Railway Detective series of 12 novels.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall. There is an admission charge of £3 and members and non-members are welcome to attend.

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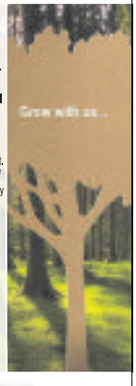

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Plans to build 900 homes on edge of town revealed

Report by Sue Austin

UP to 900 homes have been earmarked to be built on the southern edge of Oswestry over the next decade.

The proposed housing development – which would be the size of a small village – would be centred around a green and would have links into Oswestry town centre and to the nearby leisure centre.

But the masterplan for the site shows no community buildings such as shops or a school.

The area, known as the sustainable urban extension in Shropshire Council's development plan, is a 35 hectare site between the A5/A483 bypass, Shrewsbury Road and the houses of eastern Oswestry. Consultants WYG Planning, acting for local developer J-Ross Developments, have unveiled the blueprint for future planning applications to Shropshire Council.

Nick Scott, chief executive of J-Ross Developments, said he believed that the phased development would take between five and seven years to come to fruition.

"We have worked closely with Shropshire Council and Oswestry Town Council to bring forward a comprehensive master plan for the whole of the sustainable urban extension," he said.

"Our public exhibition was designed to consult with local people and key stakeholders, so that we have an opportunity to take on board any comments at this stage prior to the submission of an outline planning application.

"We welcome the chance to consult with the local people of Oswestry, whose views will help shape and form the outline planning application," he said.

"We look forward to progressing a high quality residential scheme and bringing forward much needed housing for Oswestry," he added.

However, a health chief has warned the plans could pose "huge implications" on already stretched medical practices and infrastructure.

Dr Ian Rummens, who is secretary of Shropshire Local Medical Committee and a partner at Cambrian Medical Centre in Oswestry, said: "This is going to have huge implications on the town's doctors surgeries but not only that, on schools and everything else.

"There is never the infrastructure or the funding for it unfortunately.

"This will have a big knock on effect.

"It might be 900 homes but let's say that's around 3,000 people actually when you talk about families and those who aren't living by themselves.

Dr Rummens said practices in Shropshire and across England and Wales were already strained due to due to growing workloads and recruitment issues.

Thousands of houses in pipeline

CHIRK has been earmarked for future housing development as part of council plans to build thousands of new homes.

Areas in both the north and south wards of Chirk feature on a list of 25 sites which have been included in Wrexham County Borough Council's provisional Local Development Plan.

The plan is a development framework which will shape countywide land use over the next 12 years. Of these, the largest potential development could be at a 22.5 hectare piece of land around Chirk Green.

The site is currently used for agriculture, though council officials say that associated planning constraints make any potential development unlikely.

Other Chirk sites include existing commercial premises on Holyhead Road, Colliery Road and Longfields, with smaller developments proposed at vacant plots of land elsewhere in the town.

As part of its public consultation commitment, planning officers hosted a drop-in session at Glyn Wylfa in Chirk recently to allow residents to raise any concerns.

As many as 11,715 new homes could be built within the county borough by 2028, with the bulk of the new homes concentrated around Wrexham. A council spokesman said the number of homes being provided in Chirk has not yet been finalised in the Local Development Plan.

For information on the plan and its associated comments portal visit www.wrexham.gov.uk

Couple cheer new venture

Grace Goodlad and Duncan Borrowman raise a glass to the new business

A COUPLE are raising a glass in celebration after converting an Oswestry pub into a community-centred free house.

Campaign for Real Ale champions Duncan Borrowman and Grace Goodlad have moved to the area from south east London as they have purchased The Bailey Head pub, formerly known as both the Castle Tavern and The Eagles in Oswestry.

Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Peter Cherrington, cut the ribbon to officially open the pub.

Mr Barrowman, 55, said he and wife are excited to turn the pub into a place fit for all the family.

He said: "We've been looking for a pub that was actually in the heart of the community that we could turn into a community pub for sometime, and this is probably only the second pub in 18 months that we've seen, that we really feel this way about, and we're excited.

"We want to welcome everyone, people of all ages, families, men and women, children during the day.

"Whether you want to come in for a pint of real ale, craft beer, Wrexham Lager or genuine German pils or sit down with a coffee and a newspaper, which we will have available in the pub, we want to welcome you. We are also keen to welcome small community groups and have now put up a community notice board which we are wanting to fill."

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Champion horse Punjabi's new role in memory of Julia

Report by Sue Austin

AFTER losing her best friend to cancer, Rachel Kempster kept her memory alive through their shared passion for a champion racehorse.

Together with Julia Tooth, she would travel the country to cheer on Champion Hurdle winner Punjabi, who was owned by Julia's father Raymond.

Three years after Julia died in 2010 following a battle with breast cancer, time was called on Punjabi's career. And as a tribute to her friend, Miss Kempster asked to take care of the horse in his retirement, homing him between Oswestry and Ellesmere. "I was happy for him to be a field ornament, Julia and I had had so many good times with him," she said.

But as he recovered from his career-ending injury, Miss Kempster found out just how good-natured Punjabi was and how much she enjoyed riding him. She suggested retraining him for the sport of dressage – which Mr Tooth was happy with.

"Racing and dressage are like chalk and cheese," Rachel, who runs Kinsale Stud in Whittington near Oswestry, said. "The horse has to use completely different muscles. But Punjabi absolutely loves it although I can tell that when I first asked him to do something he was thinking 'she has got to be joking'."

The horse is now based at Hardwick Hall near Ellesmere, run by Ali Kynaston-Mainwaring.

"They have a wonderful menage there where Judy Price is training both myself and Punjabi," Miss Kempster said.

"She is proving that you certainly can teach an old dog – or old racehorse – new tricks. This is a new chapter in both our lives. I am now the age Julia was when she died, 41, so it is a very poignant time for me."

Punjabi was at the head of the nine former Cheltenham winners when they returned to the racecourse on Tuesday for the 2016 Retraining of Racehorses parade on the opening day of the four-day festival.

"I would never have dreamt that I would ever ride at Cheltenham – and to be on a former champion hurdler at the head of a parade is unbelievable," Miss Kempster said. "He loves his new job and is adapting really well to dressage."

Now aged 13, Punjabi won the Champion Hurdle back in 2009 – a shock 22/1 winner of the race trained by Nicky Henderson and ridden on the day by Barry Geraghty.

Di Arbuthnot, chief executive of Retraining of Racehorses, said: "It is important for us when putting on the parades to not only include former heroes and old favourites but also horses that have proven their adaptability in other disciplines."

Punjabi with Rachel Kempster and her friend Judy Price who is helping with training

Jockey Barry Geraghty on Punjabi

Rachel Kempster with Punjabi

Suspended prison term for supplier

A MAN who has admitted possessing up to £13,000 worth of cannabis and nearly £3,000 in cash at his home has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Jason Wickham, 43, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for two years, after admitting to a charge of possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

Shrewsbury Crown Court heard police recovered the goods from his home in Albert Square in Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, in October 2014.

Bernard Linnemann, prosecuting, said: "They found in his living room a relatively small amount of cannabis and a quantity of cash. They also found a substantial amount of cannabis and cash in the shed.

"A number of mobile phones were seized, with at least two messages consistent with dealing."

The court heard the total amount of cash seized was £2,941.90, while the total amount of cannabis found had an estimated street value of between £8,000 and £13,000.

John Oates, defending Wickham, said: "The breadwinner in his relationship is his wife. He doesn't have paid employment.

"He works as a gardener and sometimes gets £90 a week – well below the living wage.

"He is not in a position to pay costs or fines."

Wickham was also ordered to pay £500 prosecution costs by the judge at court on Thursday last week.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

What a controversial week it's been. Conservative MPs Owen Paterson and Glyn Davies have been making headlines and Oswestry's Chamber of Commerce leader has quit.

Mr Paterson has moved quickly to deny national newspaper reports that he supported suggestions that pensioners could pick fruit in the fields of Britain instead of migrant workers. He says the suggestion came from Essex farmers when the Government was looking at an alternative scheme that allowed workers into Britain for the summer months. The scheme was being discussed because of changes to the laws allowing free access to the UK for Bulgarians and Romanians during the fruit picking season. The North Shropshire MP claims to be taking the flack for someone else's suggestion. Perhaps it's the Conservative party as a whole that should be criticised for even discussing such a ridiculous idea.

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Across the border in Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies has been heavily criticised on social network sites for supporting the Government's plans to slash benefit payments and has decided to stop making political comment on Facebook.

The MP has been using his Facebook pages for both personal and political comment and realised the error of his ways at the weekend as he was bombarded by angry followers about the benefit cuts situation. Now he will concentrate on his online blog for political comment and his Facebook pages will contain only personal information.

If he can handle the pressure – and I am sure he can – Mr Davies will be Montgomeryshire's last MP. In 2020 the number of MPs will be reduced from 650 to 600 and the Montgomeryshire seat is set to vanish under Boundary Commission changes, chopped into three pieces going South, North and West.

What a sad day that will be for a county that has produced so many distinguished MPs – the final nail in the once proud county of Montgomeryshire.

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And moving away from the national political scene it seems all is not well in the world or commerce in Oswestry with the sudden departure of Jools Payne as chairman of the town's chamber.

The chamber's annual meeting is scheduled for April 6 and Mrs Payne has promised to submit her annual report which I suspect will now make interesting reading.

It's such a shame that the chamber has hit problems. When editor of the Chronicle I was honoured to be a member of the association as it was re-born at the same time as this newspaper was launched. Let's hope April 6 marks a new chapter in this success story.

There is a children's room for younger visitors to the Minor Injuries Unit in Oswestry

Many patients are treated at the eye room clinic at Oswestry's Minor Injuries Unit

The Minor Injuries Unit is sited at the Oswestry Health Centre complex

Unit plays a major role in the care of residents

The Minor Injuries Unit in Oswestry is an important part of the care network. NAOMI PENROSE reports

NO two days in the life of an emergency nurse practitioner at a minor injuries unit could ever be the same. Bites and stings to fractures, sprains and bruises – it is all part of the routine.

But at a time when the future of Shropshire's accident and emergency units are being debated, Oswestry's Minor Injuries Unit is on the front line of NHS care.

It, along with similar centres in Bridgnorth, Ludlow and Whitchurch, is exactly the kind of treatment centre that bosses hope will form the backbone of care in Shropshire.

Review

The Future Fit review, which is set to report this spring, is almost certainly going to signal the closure of one of the A&E departments at either Shrewsbury Royal Hospital or Telford's Princess Royal Hospital.

The new single A&E will then be supported by a network of 'urgent care centres' – and one is almost certainly going to be at Oswestry Health Centre, which opened in July 2011 as a multi-purpose outpatient healthcare centre.

The site is home to a range of services provided by a number of organisations, including Shropshire Community Health Trust, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Mental Health Foundation Trust, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Cambrian Medical Practice.

But the minor injuries unit is perhaps the most important as it deals with patients who might otherwise end up queueing for hours in A&E.

Michael Navin from the Oswestry Minor Injuries Unit

Staffed by specialist emergency nurse practitioners, if you are walking wounded and need something sewn, glued, cleaned up or soothed, it is the place to go.

The nurses can see, assess and treat people for a wide range of injuries including bites, human and animal; cuts and lacerations; foreign bodies in the eyes, nose and ears; fractures that require plaster only; minor burns and scalds; minor head injuries; soft tissue injuries, for example sprains and bruises; and wound infections.

Michael Navin, Oswestry MIU team leader and emergency nurse practitioner, said they are now aiming to make more people aware that the MIU is no longer at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen but at the town centre location as well as continuing developing and expanding the service.

He says the unit is establishing itself as the place to go for the walking wounded or people feeling ill – and the waiting time is also far less than at the alternative A&E units.

He said: "We see all sorts, the very young to the very old, there's a whole spectrum we can see and treat here, and those that fall out of what we commission for we will redirect to the emergency services or GP.

"People present with all sorts, it could be a shingles outbreak, to people presenting with heart attacks.

"We're in a rural area so we deal with farming and equestrian incidents."

Located at Oswestry Health Centre on Thomas Savin Road, the unit's usage is growing year on year – with almost 10,000 attending in 2015 – which Mr Navin thinks is down to the red sign outside the building.

"The red sign is here because it's a sign people gravitate towards. Here we're known as A&E in Oswestry.

We assess, stabilise and discharge or refer on everything that crosses our doorstep," he said.

"Part of the key is delivering a close to home service, the more you can deliver on people's doorsteps the better."

Average

Mr Navin said the average time patients were in and out after being seen at Oswestry's MIU is one hour, one minute.

He said: "Nobody gets turned away.

"People may not think their injury is a minor injury but we can see, assess and treat a range of injuries and anything we can't treat, we can refer on,"

Helping to improve people's awareness that the unit is in Oswestry's town centre will be the installation of new signs off the Whittington Road junction and signs near to Oswestry's Morrisons supermarket.

Oswestry's Minor Injuries Unit is a nurse-led unit with experienced nurse practitioners whose backgrounds are in emergency and unscheduled care.

Staffed

It is staffed by three full and one part time emergency nurse practitioners, and one junior and trainee practitioner.

Mr Navin's background is accident and emergency, and community.

He said: "We're a small but highly skilled workforce offering a seven day a week service.

"We're quick, friendly and it's good atmosphere, where you're seen by skilled practitioners closer to home."

Anyone who cannot be treated at the MIU will be referred to their GP or nearest Accident and Emergency department or to another appropriate service by MIU staff.

WORKING FOR YOU

At the time of writing, Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne is preparing to leave Downing Street with the famous red box to deliver this year's budget.

In the Summer Budget last July, the Government offered a new deal for working people. It meant Britain moving from a high-welfare, high-tax, low-wage economy to a lower-welfare, lower-tax and higher-wage one and we are continuing to make progress. The budget will show a Government determined to confront Britain's long-standing problems and determined to make Britain more secure. Britain today has the fastest-growing economy in the G8. However we cannot be complacent.

The deficit is less than half of what it was in 2010. Labour left us borrowing £300,000 per minute. The latest projection is that we still borrow £140,000 per minute. Heaping billions more borrowing costs on our children and grandchildren is immoral; it leaves them to face a worrying future of reduced government services and support. Unless we take the steps we need to now, we will not eliminate the deficit and grow the economy. One of the great success stories of the last few years is increasing employment. The Office for National Statistics reports that unemployment was 28,000 lower in the three months to January at 1.68 million, the sixth consecutive quarterly fall. The number of people on the claimant count, including those on jobseeker's allowance, fell by 18,000 last month to 716,700, the lowest since 1975; the unemployment rate in North Shropshire stands at 1.5 per cent.

This is a remarkable achievement and is certainly reflected in my visits to firms in the constituency who are often crying out for new staff. Last week I visited Hawk Plant where business is booming. They have an advanced training programme for young people and highlighted skilled labour shortages and employment gaps ready to be filled. They have 200 vacancies now.

As I have highlighted before, apprenticeships are a positive growing trend and I am pleased that North Shropshire College is providing local young people with courses in practical skills.

We depend on small and medium businesses in North Shropshire. Last month I was pleased to cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of Harmony Beauty and Sports Therapies, a new business in Whitchurch, with Councillor Mike McDonald. The Government has made consistent efforts to reduce the burden of business rates on SMEs; small business rate relief was doubled in 2015-2016 and will be maintained until 2017.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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CAN I PROTECT MY INHERITANCE FROM MY FIANCÉ WHEN WE ARE MARRIED?

Q: My fiancé comes from a much less privileged background than me. My mother doesn't like him and thinks he only asked me to marry him so that he can get a share of my inheritance when she dies. Now she wants me to persuade my fiancé to sign a pre-nup relinquishing all rights to any money I inherit. I must admit my mother's nagging has made me think about the wisdom of protecting myself financially, but I didn't think pre-nups were legally enforceable in this country. Can you confirm?

A: Pre-Nuptial Agreements are now more commonplace in the UK and there is some evidence to suggest that whilst they are, as you say, not legally binding, Divorce Courts are more likely these days to take notice of them when considering the financial settlement of a divorcing couple.

Case law suggests, however, that a **Post**-Nuptial Agreement **is** binding. A Post-Nuptial Agreement is a contract drawn up after a couple have married or entered into a civil partnership, laying out how their assets and property would be split in the event that they divorce, separate or die. If you already have a Pre-nup it can be converted to a Post-nup after you have 'tied the knot'.

A post-Nuptial Agreement would typically include details about your assets and debts, payment of outstanding debts, income and expectations of gifts and/or inheritances, future income or gains, personally and jointly owned possessions, Wills, maintenance to be paid to your ex-partner on separation, how property would be split and such as life and medical insurance.

With a Post-Nuptial Agreement in place you can still change and update the terms of it in line with changes in your circumstances or wishes. The parties must have exchanged full and frank financial disclosure, had time to consider the proposals and had legal advice prior to entering into the agreement.

This question has been answered by Alison Peters, a Partner with GHP Legal.

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Public has a right to voice concerns

HOW many taxpayers realise that their taxes are no longer used to support communities in the UK, but have become Conservative Party Funds?

The Government wants to deny charities which "benefit" from "government funds" the right to "criticise" government policies.

The UK is not yet a one-party state, but with most of the press leaning to the right, even in the sticks, and efforts to increase government and commercial control over the BBC, it won't be long.

However, the "Con Gov" thinks it has already got it wrapped up, and thus anything that does not agree with the party line is wrong and silenced. Our lot notably don't like citizen petitions pointing out why they think a policy is harmful or contrary to common sense and good practice. The 38 Degrees organisation really annoy them. Ministers throw tantrums when a 38 Degrees petition arrives, stamping feet and damning petitioners as "lefties" and "zombies". Thus our opinions can be ignored and others that are more on-message brought in.

When I agree with a 38 Degree petition I sign it and leave a comment to explain why I am doing so.

My political interest is to remove what I see as the biggest barrier to effective democracy, tribal party politics only interested in their own power and supporters, whether left, right or fair to middling. But, above all, I am increasingly insulted as being seen as an idiot with no valid opinions or worth, but election fodder for a couple of months every five years.

I have a Mensa certified IQ of 152, which is quite good. Will "Con Gov" ministers have the honesty and courage to take the Mensa test and allow Mensa, not their spin doctors, to make the results public?

MALCOLM MACINTYRE-READ
Much Wenlock

We deserve better than all the EU spin and nonsense

THE British electorate truly deserve better than having to listen to the fairy tales being spouted by Dave (I had a turbine on my chimney) Cameron.

He would have us believe that pulling out of the EU would be akin to Armageddon with European countries ceasing to trade with us – this felony being compounded with the UK being overrun by a huge influx of immigrants directly from France.

Dear me, where are the smelling salts!

Every knowledgeable and thinking person will be aware this is utter nonsense and the very opposite of the truth.

Does 'EU Dave' really think we will be conned by all his 'Alice in Wonderland' rhetoric whereby the Europeans will impose a trading embargo – business is business. According to a national newspaper the EU sold goods and services worth 223.4billion last year to us, being a record £89billion more than we sold them, so it would be commercial suicidal if they put up trade barriers – turkeys do not vote for Christmas as they say.

Europhiles relish in muddying the waters by trying to confuse a Common Market with the ever growing power of the EU wilfully overlooking that UK exporters are becoming less reliant on European markets.

You will seldom hear them mention, for example, our trade with China. Indeed, beyond the EU there is a whole world willing to trade and prosper with us. Just three testing questions will ascertain the integrity and validity of the EU.

Ask a Europhile when the EU books were last fully audited, secondly, would they agree that not joining the Euro has been a perceptive and intelligent decision, and thirdly, will the EU pull out of NATO and create its own defence force.

If the answers still leave you undecided, then I would recommend you vote the very opposite of what 'Weapons of mass destruction Blair', 'EU Kinnock' and 'Trustworthy Cameron' would have you do.

DAVE HASKELL
Cardigan

New market in town is officially opened

We're not completely sure, but we think this is the opening of the new Powis Hall indoor market on the Bailey Head in Oswestry in 1963. That year it was the 5th Earl of Powis who had the honour of declaring the building open. The notice on the wooden rail reads "Mrs Donn" who was presumably a stallholder.

Trump's election battle in US is just a big side show

AS the pantomime season closes parliament wastes time pandering to one per cent of the populace who object to Trump stating his intentions were he elected USA President.

A country has the responsibility to decide who should enter and should make proper enquiries before foreign nationals arrive. We have suffered the results of an open door policy and will continue to. Politicians pussyfoot round this issue and Cameron prioritises improving the lot of Muslim women, when £20 million could be better spent elsewhere. Another sop to a minority section.

Osborne squeezes the shires to the extent Shropshire Council cannot afford paint for yellow lines for disabled parking in this town, a request made nearly two years ago. Who was responsible for this debate, perhaps John Bercow, in his role as genie of the lamp? There are more important items on the agenda, how much lower can parliament and their cast stoop?

JOHN MAYNE
Bridgnorth

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Worries over courts move

THE Government's decision to close 86 courts across the country, including Shrewsbury Magistrates Court, is devastating news for families.

Parents and children need to be able to access the justice system – this decision will make that more difficult. Closing courts may make sense on a government spreadsheet, but the reality is that on the ground it will have a profound impact on local people.

MISS JO EDWARDS
Resolution family law organisation

Can anyone help me track down my birth mother?

I WONDER if any readers might be able to assist me in tracing my birth mother?

I was born on December 4, 1955, at the Lady Forester Hospital, Much Wenlock. My birth mother was Glenis Emmaline Jones, who at that time was living at 5 Vine Cottages, Oswestry.

The name I was originally given was Mark Glendower Jones.

Miss Jones was at that time unmarried, and her occupation was student nurse at Chester City Hospital. My adoption was organised through the Lichfield Moral and Welfare Society, and I was placed with my adoptive parents Charles Wiggin and Elaine Wiggin on May 8, 1956, both of whom have passed away some time ago.

I would dearly love to trace my birth mother if she is still alive, and to find out if I have any brothers or sisters and meet them if possible.

Sixty years is too long to be apart.

I can be contacted on 07974 212845 or at mark.wiggin@blueyonder.co.uk

MARK WIGGIN
Newport

Let's be honest about cash crisis

THE UK national debt clock grows at a rate of £5,170 per second.

No wonder there are government cuts to all departments except for foreign aid.

Shropshire Council has to find another £70 million of cuts.

Let's be honest about it.

The country is bankrupt, and if all the wealthy elites who avoid paying their fair share were to stump up what they owe, it would barely scratch the surface of the problem.

Wake up people.

It is not only the UK but the whole world that is in negative equity, and it is the financial elites that have caused it.

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Hearing event to be held at centre

A FREE event for people who wear NHS hearing aids is being held at The Whole Life Centre at Cabin Lane in Oswestry.

The Effective Hearing Programme, run by Shropshire RCC in conjunction with NHS Audiology, will take place on April 13 from 10am to 3.30pm.

The event is open to anyone in the area who wears an NHS hearing aid.

Useful tips, resources, encouragement, support and practical help will be shared.

Hearing aid users are also encouraged to bring a family member or friend with them as the course also covers communicating well with others.

Refreshments are provided at the event.

Later in the year the event is also available in Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth and Church Stretton.

Places must be pre-booked so contact Shropshire RCC on (01743) 342163 or email shls@shropshire-rcc.org.uk for more information or to register for a place.

Changes ahead for leisure complex

A LEISURE centre will be taken over by a not-for-profit company.

Chirk Leisure Centre will be taken over by Freedom Leisure and a new larger gym will be built.

The company plans to invest £2.25 million into the centre in Chirk and other venues across the Wrexham area including Waterworld, Gwyn Evans pools and leisure centres and the Queensway.

It will also manage five other schools-based centres.

The organisation is already responsible for managing leisure centre in Powys including The Flash in Welshpool.

MP says fruit picking claims are 'inaccurate'

Report by Sue Austin

NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson has denied a claim he wanted to replace migrant fruit pickers with pensioners working for below the minimum wage.

The allegation appears in an upcoming account by Liberal Democrat former minister David Laws about his time during the Coalition Government.

But Mr Paterson said: "Recent press reports about the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme, leaked from a Cabinet subcommittee, are grossly inaccurate.

"I was a strong supporter of this particular scheme, which gave a quota of 21,250 temporary job opportunities to Bulgarian and Romanian seasonal workers.

"These skilled workers were employed where there was a specific demand for their labour and they left to return home at the end of each season.

"The horticulture industry was extremely keen to continue the scheme, or something similar, when transitional controls ended on January 1, 2014, allowing free access to the UK for Bulgarian and Romanian citizens. The industry was angry at the end of the scheme as they had an urgent need for skilled temporary labour.

"Some in the industry suggested reviving the practice of city dwellers, including pensioners, taking paid holidays during the fruit-picking season. There was absolutely no suggestion that any of these ideas would have been anything but voluntary. They asked that insurance and employment legislation should be investigated. After investigation, this idea came to nothing."

Fundraisers call in at children's hospice

Sarah Weaver and Matthew Gould from Redrow meet Hannah Penney at Hope House

A TEAM of fundraisers who raised £57,000 have visited Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda near Oswestry to meet some of the young people who will benefit from their donations.

The charity team at Redrow Homes raised £47,000 and through the company's matched giving scheme, which donates £1 for every £4 raised by staff up to a maximum of £10,000 per division, they were able to reach the total of £57,000.

Sarah Weaver, marketing coordinator at Redrow Homes, said: "It was wonderful to visit the hospice and meet some of the incredible staff and children. We had no hesitation in choosing Hope House as our charity of the year as they offer such fantastic care to children and their families. We were all privileged to see first-hand how the money will be used and what a difference it will make."

The NW division of the national housebuilder is based near Mold.

Man is sent to prison for town centre knife attack

A FATHER who knocked a man out in self-defence but then slashed his face with a knife as he laid unconscious has been jailed for four years and eight months.

Todd Roberts came across Gavin Robinson in Oswestry town centre in the early hours of June 6, Shrewsbury Crown Court heard.

Michael Grey, prosecuting, said Robinson took a knife from his pocket.

Roberts punched Robinson to the floor, knocking him out. The court heard he then picked up the knife and crouched down beside Robinson before slashing his face.

Mr Grey said Robinson suffered a deep laceration to his face which was about 20cm long.

Robinson was later interviewed by police and told officers he had been drinking alcohol.

He later accepted pulling a knife out of his pocket.

The court was told Roberts had also been drinking and had taken cocaine. Roberts, 29, of Fox's Field, Oswestry, admitted wounding with intent.

Robinson, 37, of Woodside Court, Oswestry, pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon in a public place.

Brendan Reedy, for Robinson, said he had no recollection of the incident and did not know where he got the knife from.

Debra White, for Roberts, said: "If he could turn the clock back, then without a doubt he would."

Judge Robin Onions said there was nothing to indicate the pair had known each other and therefore there was no reason for any ill will between them.

He jailed Roberts for four years and eight months and handed an eight-month prison term to Robinson.

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Police chief facing bald tyres inquiry

A POLICE and crime commissioner is under investigation over a claim he was driving with defective tyres.

Christopher Salmon, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, has been referred to the police watchdog the IPCC by Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel for allegedly driving a police vehicle with bald tyres.

The incident is alleged to have taken place during October 2015.

The police and crime commissioner won the post in November 2012 when standing as the Conservative candidate. He is seeking a second term at an election in May.

An IPCC spokesman said: "The IPCC is independently investigating an alleged road traffic offence involving the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, Christopher Salmon.

"The allegation relates to driving a police owned vehicle with defective tyres on a date in October 2015.

"The IPCC investigation follows a referral to the IPCC from the Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Panel in January 2016." Mr Salmon said he will cooperate fully with the investigation. He said: "I am aware of the complaint received by the police and crime panel and referred on to the IPCC."

Coffee morning raises over £200

MORE than £200 was raised at a coffee morning hosted by the Inner Wheel Club of Welshpool.

It was held earlier this month at the Church House.

It was held in aid of the Literacy in a Box Trust, whose priority is to give hope to the children of Sub-Saharan Africa that through education, they may work their way out of the twin challenges of AIDS and poverty.

Margaret Pepper, immediate past president of the group, thanked all who contributed and donated at the event.

Community commitment secures award honour

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AN Oswestry company's commitment to doing all it can to help others has led it to winning a Chronicle We Mean Business Community Award.

The British Ironwork Centre was chosen as a winner of the award after our judges were impressed by the company's efforts to make a difference to the community and to people's lives.

The award scheme was launched as part of our We Mean Business campaign which every week highlights a great Oswestry business.

Businesses featured in the first six months of our campaign were in the running for an award this time around.

A second round of Community Awards will be held in June at the conclusion of the year-long campaign.

Judges were particularly impressed by the British Ironwork Centre's anti-knife campaign which aims to keep deadly weapons off our streets.

Police forces throughout the country have donated confiscated weapons to the centre, which is based at Aston near Oswestry.

The confiscated knives, blades and swords are being used to create a new 'knife angel' sculpture.

Our judges were also impressed by how the centre has engaged with local schools.

Fittingly youngsters from Kinnerley Primary School were visiting the centre when we presented the award to Clive Knowles from the business and helped the firm celebrate.

Kinnerley Primary School youngsters help Clive Knowles celebrate the Community Award

NEWS IN BRIEF

Breakfast club is proving successful

A BREAKFAST club for retired service personnel has attracted 200 members within its first five months.

Oswestry, North Shropshire & North Wales Veterans' Breakfast Club was formed on September 5 by Wayne Davies, formerly of the Royal Signals, and has grown ever since.

The group meets every Saturday at Oswald's Cross, Mile End, from 10am until noon and is open to any ex-Forces veterans.

Mr Davies said: "The principle is very simple – turn up, buy your own breakfast and start to enjoy the banter and the camaraderie of being around people who speak your own language.

"There are no fees and very few regulations, but WWII veterans are rarely allowed to buy their own breakfast. We have about 200 members with people now coming to join us from the surrounding areas."

For more information visit veteransbreakfastclubs.co.uk/obc-oswestry-breakfast-club/ or call Mr Davies on (01691) 770872.

Running group is off its marks

A NEW running group started up at the weekend taking in the scenery around the picturesque Chirk Castle estate.

The first session was held on Saturday morning.

The new group will now meet weekly on Saturdays throughout the year.

There are a limited number of places for each session, organisers have said.

People should email carl.green@nationaltrust.org.uk to book a place with the new running group.

The group will take on social beginner runs led by accredited, qualified volunteers from Sport Wales.

Each run will last around an hour.

Under 18s are welcome but should be accompanied by an adult, organisers said.

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Police roll out message system

POLICE in have rolled out a messaging system to help people living in the Welshpool area better deal with reports of crime.

Dyfed-Powys Police said those signing up will get messages sent to their email inbox which are relevant to their community, lifestyle and interests.

Chief Superintendent Aled Davies said messages could include specific crime prevention advice, direct appeals based on local incidents and information about community events near to them.

"It will be especially useful in support of the watch schemes which include Farm Watch, Horse Watch, Boat Watch and Neighbourhood Watch, where very specific information needs to be communicated to a distinct community very quickly," the chief superintendent said.

Town museum to stage craft events

A MUSEUM in Welshpool will be holding two craft sessions during the Easter holidays.

The Powysland Museum will hold the event for children aged three and up.

On Thursday next week and also on March 29 there will be crafts and activities relating to eggs, chickens and other birds at the museum.

Sessions will run from 11.30am to 2pm on a drop-in basis, organisers have said.

The sessions at the museum will cost £3 per child.

Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult.

To book a place on the craft sessions people should call the museum on (01938) 554656.

Delays expected as lorry convoys head into area

Report by Pam Kingsley

MOTORISTS are being advised to expect delays as large lorry convoys come though Welshpool over the coming months.

The giant lorries will head through the town and along one of the main tourist routes on a daily basis during the summer months as construction starts on a windfarm.

Residents and holidaymakers have been warned to expect delays as the oversized transporters carry parts of the wind turbines along the A483 and A458, passing through Welshpool town centre en route.

Delays are expected for up to two months from July by the daily convoys heading to Tirgwynt windfarm between Cefn Coch and Carno. Each convoy is expected to contain three large articulated vehicles carrying pylon parts.

Roads are already been widened on sections of the main A458 and the B4385.

Welshpool town clerk Robert Robinson said he had been informed that police would escort the convoys through the town, leaving the bypass at the Railway Station junction and travelling up Severn Road, Severn Street, Broad Street, High Street and Mount Street before joining the Llanfair Road at the Raven roundabout.

Mr Robinson said police would clear the streets of any double parking and would close the stretch from Jehu Road to the Raven roundabout with a 10 minute delay expected at the Jehu Road junction to allow the vehicles free passage.

Tirgwynt windfarm is expected to generate enough clean electricity to power over 16,000 homes.

Singers hand over funds to charity

Simon and Jean Carless from African Village Support with Diana Gerrett

COMMUNITY-SPIRITED singers have donated the second half of the proceeds from their Christmas concert to a charity that supports small eastern Ugandan villages.

Following the Christmas concert at Berriew, near Welshpool, the Guilsfield Singers made donations of £75 each to two different charities.

The first was to the Montgomeryshire Family Crisis Centre, the second was made to African Village Support.

Choir chairman Diana Gerrett presented a cheque to Simon and Jean Carless, fundraisers for the African charity at Guilsfield Old School, before the choir rehearsal began.

Mr Carless gave a brief presentation to choir members about the work of African Village Support.

The choir is now busy rehearsing for its Easter concerts, which it will perform alongside the Oswestry chamber choir, Cantiones.

Performances will be on April 9 at Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry and on April 16 at Welshpool Town Hall.

For more information, visit the website www.guilsfieldsingers.org.uk

Cash crisis 'will not get any easier'

THE tough financial situation facing Powys County Council will not get "any easier" in the coming years, bosses have warned.

Councillors agreed at a meeting last week to a Council Tax increase of 4.25 per cent in a bid to help save £10 million.

Councillor Wynne Jones, cabinet member for finance, said: "The situation will not be any easier in the coming financial years and the council will have to find a further £19.88m in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years and continue to increase the rate of council tax in the county.

"Our target is to reduce spending by £29.8m over three years and that is on top of the £53.5m that we have cut from our budgets in the previous three financial years.

"This year's budget has seen reductions in our major spending services schools, social care, highways and waste, as well as the central and support services."

Councillor Jones added: "The work will have to continue as will greater integration with public partners and a greater reliance on others for community service delivery."

Quiz night will help churches

A QUIZ night will take place to raise funds for two churches.

Taking place tomorrow (Friday) at Welshpool Methodist Church, the quiz night starts at 7.30pm.

The quiz is aimed at all the family, and teams can include up to six people. The cost is £2 per adult and £1 for children.

Proceeds will go to St Mary's and Methodist Churches in Welshpool.

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Railway group launches new cash appeal

A HERITAGE railway has launched a £20,000 appeal in a bid to return all three tracks to Oswestry's station and restore a second platform.

Cambrian Heritage Railways (CHR), which runs in Oswestry and Llynclys, hope the launch of the Oswestry Station Revitalisation Project Appeal will help further return the town's restored historic station to its heyday of the 1950s.

The appeal will cover the refurbishment of the former Down platform, reinstatement of the three lines that once ran through the station – a significant feature of the site – and the addition of further railway features, furniture and landmarks to the station area. CHR is currently busy extending its running line at Oswestry and plans to see passenger trains running to Weston Wharf, on the southern edge of the town by Easter 2018 – a distance of one and three-quarter miles. There, the railway will provide a public transport connection to the visitor centre operated by popular local micro-brewery, the Stonehouse Brewery. Robert Williams, CHR chairman, said: "Since CHR gained access to the Gobowen to Llanddu railway line in 2009, significant progress has been made with the Oswestry station area. We were greeted with a site that was almost completely derelict. One of the two through platforms had been removed, the other was overgrown – and fly tipping had taken place, with almost all features of a working railway wiped away. Since that time, we have cleared the site, completely reinstated one platform, refurbished the track, reinstated signals, a water column, signs and started regular passenger train running again over a short distance to Middleton Road bridge."

Sex offender sent to prison

A MAN has been jailed for eight years for a series of sex crimes involving young children.

David Phillip Francis photographed himself performing an indecent act with an infant and made and distributed images and films, Mold Crown Court was told.

The 60-year-old, of Bron Y Waun in Chirk, had his licence period extended by six years – which formally makes it a 14-year sentence.

Simon Rogers, prosecuting, said police acting on information found 867 indecent still images of children, 985 indecent movies of children and 67 extreme images involving sex acts between humans and animals.

Francis admitted engaging in sexual activity, in the presence of a baby, and making indecent images of a child on his mobile phone.

He pleaded guilty to a total of 18 offences – including causing other children to look at indecent images over the internet and inciting children to engage in sexual activity via the internet. He also admitted making indecent images and movies by downloading them from the internet and distributing them.

Alun Williams, for Francis, said his client had lived a Jekyll and Hyde life for the past few years.

Wages boost for council staff

STAFF in the lowest paid positions at Powys County Council will receive the Living Wage from April.

More than 1,900 of the lowest paid workers will see their hourly rate rise by 40p to £8.25 – as recommended by the Living Wage Foundation.

The increase will affect more than 1,400 members of staff.

The Living Wage is based on the amount an individual needs to earn to cover the basic cost of living.

Councillor Phil Pritchard, cabinet member for human resources, said: "Our decision to increase the hourly rate of our lowest paid posts shows our commitment to the principles of the Living Wage level.

"Some of the jobs carried out by our lowest paid staff are greatly valued by our residents so it is only fair that these staff are paid a decent wage. By supporting the principles of the Living Wage, we are able to achieve this. There are a number of other benefits that come from supporting the Living Wage."

Residents want end to road problem in village

Councillor Sue Schofield is backing calls for changes by residents on Kimberley Lane in St Martins

Kimberley Lane where residents are using their cars to block off the road

FURIOUS residents in St Martins say they are being plagued by drivers who use their road as a "rat run" to slash a few hundred yards off their journey.

Kimberley Lane has large signs at the entrances from the Ellesmere and Overton ends which warn drivers it is for access only.

But householders, many of them retired, say that every day drivers cut through the lane, many travelling to and from a nearby business park. Residents staged a protest, parking their vehicles along the length of the road to prevent drivers getting through – and were met with shouting and swearing from some motorists.

Brian Swain, 72, said: "When we explained to the drivers what we were doing, some maintained they were visiting one of the houses, yet couldn't tell us who lived in the house.

"A couple were downright rude. We were out with our vehicles the whole time so that if they needed to be moved we could do so quickly. We also told the police what we were doing."

Mr David Burkhill, 77, said: "The lane has access only signs at each end, from the Ellesmere and Overton directions.The signs are huge but people just ignore them. We even have lorries and trucks coming down the lane."

"We have been trying for about 30 years to get something done about Kimberley Lane."

Residents said they we would like to see the end onto Ellesmere Road blocked off and it become a cul-de-sac.The plan has the backing of St Martins Parish Council which has asked Shropshire Council for help in bringing about the change. Parish councillor Sue Schofield said the residents were right to ask for changes to the lane."The parish council fully supports the plea for Shropshire Council to make Kimberley Lane into a cul-de-sac," she said.

She said: "The amount and type of vehicle that uses this road is ridiculous. All they are doing is cutting off a few hundred yards.We need to stop this general use and we need to stop it as quickly as possible."

Young show off creative talents at library art event

In the textile forest at Oswestry Library are Lewis, Macie, Emily, Toby and Lucy

Cameron, nine, Alesha, nine, author Bethany Rivers and Julia, nine, at Oswestry Library

Report by Sue Austin

PUPILS showed off their creative talents in a new arts project at a library.

Shropshire Libraries invited an Oswestry primary school to join in an exciting arts project made possible with local funding.

The 28 pupils from year four at Holy Trinity Primary School took part in the first Arts Award offered at the town's library.

Their work culminated in the creation of a 'poet-tree' which will be displayed in the library during this weekend's Oswestry LitFest.

The pupils spent the day in the library working with professional poets and storytellers, including poet and author Bethany Rivers, from Mid Wales. She hosted a workshop on creative writing.

It was structured so that the students gained an Arts Award Discover certificate after the workshop. Arts Award's unique qualifications support young people to develop as artists and arts leaders.

The programme develops their creativity, leadership and communication skills. Open to anyone aged up to 25, Arts Award embraces all interests and backgrounds. "Arts Award is proven to develop confidence within children," said Annabel Gittins, a library manager for children and young people. "We value each child's contribution, and by displaying their created 'poet-tree' in the library during Oswestry Litfest we are reinforcing this to the children and their families."

The library was able to offer the event through the generosity of the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund administered by the Rotary Club of Oswestry and the Friends of Oswestry Library.

Bethany Rivers chats to the schoolchildren

Maddie, Lauren and Bobby at the event at Oswestry Library

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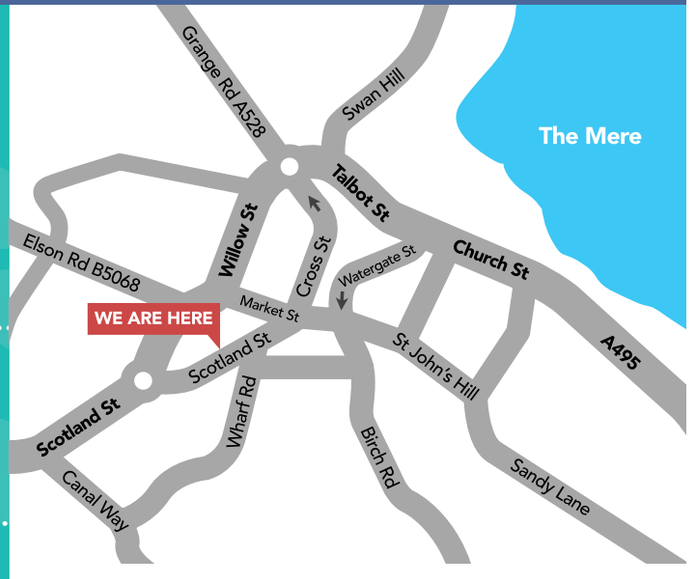

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Registration services are set to change

CHANGES to the opening times and venues of some of Shropshire's registration offices are coming into force.

Shropshire Council has confirmed changes will be made at the offices in Oswestry, Bishop's Castle, Church Stretton and Wem.

In Oswestry, the registration office will relocate from Castle View next door to Oswestry Library and Hub on Thursday.

The office will close at 4.30pm on Tuesday and will re-open after the Easter weekend, on March 29.

The council says it should make the service more accessible to the public.

Changes will also be made to the registration services at Bishop's Castle, Church Stretton and Wem.

The changes of opening hours follow a consultation – the registrars service review – that ran in May and June last year.

The location changes in Oswestry and Church Stretton were not part of that consultation last year. Karen Calder, Shropshire Council's cabinet member responsible for registration services, said: "We are pleased that the registration service is still going to be available in Church Stretton, Wem and Bishop's Castle, when previously there was a threat to it remaining available in these towns. We hope that customers needing the services of the registrars in Oswestry and Church Stretton will find the new venues more convenient." Last May the unitary authority revealed three possible options – making no change, closing the three most under-used offices – Church Stretton, Bishop's Castle and Wem – or closing all offices other than a central one in Shrewsbury.

But the council said its plans changed following consultation last summer.

New warning of dog attacks

FIVE more sheep have been killed in dog attacks in Shropshire, prompting fresh warnings about the need to keep dogs under control near farms.

Details of the latest attacks, which happened over the last month, have just been revealed.

In recent weeks, a sheep was killed in at attack in Kington and two in St Martins, near Oswestry.

The latest attacks happened in the Shelve area of Clun and police believe they may have happened overnight.

Police have urged dog owners to be vigilant after the latest attacks which officer say also left a number of sheep showing signs of distress. Shropshire chairman of the National Farmer's Union Richard Yates said it was a problem that sadly seemed to be on the rise.

He said: "I myself have had problems with sheep worrying. I have a farm adjacent to Bridgnorth and I have had a couple of incidents of dogs attacking sheep.

"It is something that has been happening for years and it is nothing new, but it is concerning. It is particularly concerning this time of year when we have ewes that are close to giving birth."

The latest incidents come after it was revealed that between 20 and 25 dog attacks have taken on the Long Mynd in the past year.

Sex blackmail levels revealed

NEARLY 30 blackmail cases known as "sextortion" have been reported in Shropshire and Telford over the past five years, new figures have revealed.

The statistics show 13 of the offences took place in Telford over the years since 2011.

They included victims being persuaded to perform intimate acts over social media and then told to make a payment or face seeing footage made public.

A further five incidents were reported in Shrewsbury between 2011 and 2015. Two reports were made in Oswestry, Newport and Church Stretton and one in Whitchurch, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Leominster and Tenbury Wells during the period.

A Freedom of Information request submitted to West Mercia Police showed that since 2011 the force has received a total of 72 reports of the offence and two of the victims were as young as 14. But only a single incident has led to a charge or summons.

Artist's wry look at life in the spotlight at gallery

Victoria Hughes, volunteer co-ordinator at the Qube in Oswestry, with pieces by Euryl Stevens

Ladies Day at Ascot is depicted in one of Euryl Stevens's creations

YOU can take the girl out of the valley – but as Shrewsbury-based artist Euryl Stevens happily admits – you can't take the valley out of the girl.

Euryl may now live in Shropshire, but she was born and brought up in the Rhondda Valley in South Wales. She says her observations of life there have had a huge influence on her art. Her retrospective exhibition You Can Take The Girl out of the Valley, is currently on display at the Qube gallery in Oswestry. The work combines stitchwork and painting to bring alive snapshots of life over the last half a century through a comical line-up of characters. There are corset-clad ladies, a wedding riot, screaming babes-in-arms, night club goers and a sexy siren.

She said: "The work has a strong narrative that is an amusing social commentary on a life that I fondly recall as a child growing up in Cwm Clydach."

Charlotte Jackson, Qube arts officer, said it was refreshing see a collection of work with such bold honesty and humour. She said: "We wanted to bring something fun and different to Qube Gallery and were delighted when Euryl agreed to this exhibition. Her work stops you from taking life too seriously and her characters are full of warmth and humour."

In the 1960s Euryl studied at Birmingham College of Art and then at the Royal Academy School where she was awarded a silver medal for landscape painting and a scholarship to study in Rome. She went on to teach at the former Shrewsbury College of Art and has been a fervent supporter of arts organisations and festivals across Shropshire for many years.

One of the early visitors to the exhibition was Barbara Phillips, from Oswestry. She said the art was stunning. "I am a member of an embroidery group in Oswestry and the exhibition was recommended to us as it combines stitching with paint," she added.

The exhibition runs until April 4.

Diverse collection of art goes on display at town exhibition

Work by Hungarian artist Judit Boor, an MA student, is on display

Judit Boor's work includes house portraits, human portraits, seascapes and digital illustration

Report by Pam Kingsley

A DIVERSE collection of art has gone on display at a visitor centre.

It's on show at Oswestry's Visitor and Exhibition Centre, set within the parish churchyard in Church Terrace.

It will be a month-long exhibition featuring work from local artists and those from further afield.

Maggie Furmanek, who works at Derwen College in Gobowen, is also a member of the Guild of Enamellers and is showing some of her enamelled vessels and wall plaques.

All her work is created with organic themes. She said: "My inspiration comes from nature and I love the fact that each enamelled piece I create is unique."

Alongside her pieces will be a selection of house portraits, human portraits, seascapes and digital illustration by Hungarian-born Judit Boor. Born in 1994, Judit is currently living and studying an MA in Aberystwyth, and her work is particularly focussed on the written word.

She said: "For me, illustration is like translating the story into a different language. With a keen eye on the detail and the best way to interpret visually the written word, I endeavour to create images that are just as immersive as the original text. To replicate the book's unique atmosphere, I combine traditional oil and watercolour techniques with digital painting. "

Other work is being displayed by Sonja Benskin Mescher, who produces abstract paintings and installations inspired by the environment and her early life in St Ives.

And Trudy Barberis will be exhibiting her selection of Chinese brush paintings.

The exhibition will run until April 2. The visitor centre is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday and dogs are welcome.

Trudy Barberis with a Chinese Brush painting

Judit Boor with some of her work which is on display in Oswestry

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Palm Sunday
Sunday 20th March
10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Eucharist
Introit: Hosanna to the Son of David - Weelkes
Setting: Mathias - Communion Service
anthem: Crucifixus a 8 - Lotti
6.30pm Come & Sing Stainer's 'Crucifixion'
3.00pm Rehearsal followed by tea Performance 6.30pm
All are welcome to sing - just turn up for Rehearsal | If possible bring a copy of the music

Maundy Thursday
Thursday 24th March
7.30pm Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper
(Sung by the Choral Scholars & Adult Choir)
Setting: Darke in F
anthems: Wash me thoroughly - S. S. Wesley
Ave verum - Byrd
following the service there will be watching at the Altar of Repose until
11.40pm Close of the Watch - Compline
(Sung to Plainsong by the Adult Choir)

Good Friday
Friday 25th March
10.00am Family Service
Sung by the Junior Choir & Choral Scholars)
Anthem: Ex ore innocentium - Ireland
12.00noon Three Hours Devotions

Holy Saturday
Saturday 26th March
7.30pm Easter Vigil
(Sung by the Choral Scholars & Adult Choir)
Anthem: Hail gladdening light - Wood
Exultet Plainsong
Anthem: Dum transisset Sabbatum - Taverner

Easter Day
Sunday 27th March
10.30am Festival Eucharist
Setting: Archer - St. Albans Service
Anthem: Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah) - G. F. Handel
6.30pm Festal Evensong
Introit: This joyful Eastertide - Ledger
Canticles: Murrill in E
Responses: Rose
Anthem: Blessed by the God and Father - S. S. Wesley

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A book topple was held for World Book Day

Rebecca Owen and Jessica Michie during World Book Day

Jack Knowell, Lottie Smith, Connie Holmes and Emily Richardson took part in the fire safety quiz

Fun and games at The Marches

STUDENTS at the Marches School in Oswestry have been involved in a variety of activities over recent weeks.

Year 7 Students learnt about fire safety in a fun and interactive way during a visit from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Four representatives from each house at the school took part in the Be Cool, Be Safe quiz, which pitted the groups against each other in a test of fire safety awareness.

After a close-fought battle, the winning team were Mallory, scoring an impressive 265 out of a possible 332. Their prize will be a celebratory ten pin bowling trip to Telford in April where they will play against winning teams from other schools in the area.

The winning team comprised Jack Nowell, Lottie Smith, Connie Holmes and Emily Richardson.

Pupils at The Marches took part in World Book Day celebrations. Activities included a book signing by renowned children's fiction author Barbara Mitchelhill. Students got involved in treasure trails, craft activities, a book topple, charity book sales and a themed costume day. Among those dressing up were Isobel Alefounder, Drew Norton and Jodie Jenner and Rebecca Owen and Jessica Michie. And students were recently treated to a special lunchtime ceremony during which they were presented with awards and given a chance to meet local business owners and council representatives.

The lunch was organised to honour members of the school who had excelled in the new Futures Award initiative. The Futures programme has been designed to prepare students to leave school equipped with the skills they need to enter employment, recording and celebrating their achievements in the community, in employment environments, in the classroom academically and in creative settings.

As well as a delicious spread of food, the students were also treated to a great networking opportunity. They had time to get to know individuals from some of the businesses who have supported the venture, giving them the chance to forge relationships with future potential employers.

Report by Naomi Penrose

Year 7 students took part in a fun quiz about fire safety

Author Barbara Mitchelhill visited The Marches

Teams pitted their wits against each other during the fire safety quiz

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Parquet flooring can be sanded and varnished, stained or painted

Don't be floored by environmental costs

SOME types of flooring are more environmentally friendly than others, but do you know which they are?

It's not necessarily as straightforward as you might think. Here are some points to consider:

1. The most eco option when it comes to flooring is using the flooring you already have.

Do you have original floorboards or parquet flooring that can be sanded and varnished, stained or painted?

In old houses, there are sometimes hidden gems like original stone or tiled floors that have been covered up for years.

They may need a little TLC, but they make a great feature.

2. If you don't have flooring you can restore, the next best thing is buying reclaimed flooring.

Putting period features back into an old property is a good way to add value and increase its appeal when you come to sell, but reclaimed flooring tends to be expensive.

A more affordable option is new wooden flooring, either solid wood, or engineered wood (with a real wood top layer).

Bamboo is an eco choice, despite being mainly grown in Asia, because the plants take around three to five years to reach maturity, which is a lot less than a typical tree.

When shopping for new wooden flooring, look for the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) logo. This shows that the wood has been sustainably sourced - all B&Q wood is FSC certified.

3. One of the most environmentally friendly types of flooring (and the cosiest) is wool carpet.

Making a wool carpet uses only about 10% of the energy used to produce a nylon one and wool is, of course, sustainable because sheep re-grow their fleeces after being shorn.

While there are plenty of great British wool carpets (70% of British wool goes into carpet), New Zealand wool carpets also have eco credentials.

New Zealand may be on the other side of the world, but every kilogram of wool produced there is said to equate to less CO2-equivalent greenhouse gas than driving an average-sized petrol car for a mile.

Most of the impact of getting wool to market is from land and water use, and Wools of New Zealand (a premium brand of carpets and rugs manufactured to quality standards) works with its producers to minimise that impact.

What's more, a single fleece from a New Zealand sheep will make about 4sqm of carpet, which is double the amount from wool than from many other places.

4. For an eco carpet underlay, try Crumbwool. A collaboration between Wools of New Zealand and Anglo Recycling, this underlay is made from 100% recycled carpet fibres and 100% recycled rubber. Crumbwool uses carpet offcuts, which would normally go to landfill, from British carpet manufacturers, and recycled rubber tyres for the backing.

5. Wool (and cotton) can be combined with other natural fibres in flooring, but you can also get natural flooring that's purely sisal, coir, seagrass or jute, etc. This is similar to carpet but tends to have a more pronounced texture. Natural flooring is sustainable and renewable because it's made from plants that grow relatively quickly, but to temper that, they are usually grown in Asia and other far-flung places.

HOW-TO TIP

To get dents caused by furniture out of carpet, try leaving an ice cube on the dent until the ice melts. Finish off by carefully fluffing up the carpet pile with something like a clean toothbrush or fork.

Squashy or slimline? Pick your perfect sofa

By Gabrielle Fagan

SOFAS are one of the hearts of the home – where we slouch, lounge, surf and even snooze – and choosing the right one is all-important.

There's little point having a slimline model if, in reality, its high-end design will disappear under a pile of cushions, kids and pets, while deep, squashy high-backed sofas probably suit informal rural or period settings, rather than streamlined urban lofts.

"It's a good idea to spend time deciding what you really want. A rushed decision could mean you'll end up with that little something missing, which keeps your sofa from being the safe, warm and cosy centre of your living room that it can and should be," says Rebecca Snowden, interior style advisor at Furniture Choice.

"When it comes to picking the perfect sofa, think of all its many functions - something you can curl up on at the end of a long day, or sprawl out on for a lazy weekend. Ask yourself whether you want it to blend in seamlessly, or stand out and be a centrepiece."

Comfort, of course, is also key. According to research by sofa specialists Sofology, the average Brit spends three to four hours a day on their sofa (though for some, this figure is much higher!), while one-in-five also use the settee as a setting to do work from.

SIZE MATTERS

Matching a sofa to a room can be as tricky as choosing a new partner – and it's crucial to get it right, as you'll have to live with your choice (or mismatch) for years.

"If you're trying to style a small space, don't chose an oversized sofa, no matter how comfortable it looks," advises Rick Petini, creative director at Delcor.

"Slim, high legs and plenty of space between the floor and sofa base will allow light to flow around the room, and give the illusion of more space. If you have a larger space, opt for a medium or three-seater rather than a smaller sofa which may be dwarfed by the room's dimensions."

Consider how a sofa will be used and pick upholstery accordingly - is it a sanctuary space for adults, or will it have to cope with sticky hands and muddy paw prints? Leather's easier to clean, but fabric adds depth and texture to a room.

MIX & MATCH

Sofas come in an array of shapes, from curvy to boxy – and even ones that can change their form.

"For me, modular sofas are probably the best of all worlds, as they're good for any size of home and any room within it," says Arianne Keeler, upholstery buyer at Habitat. "They're an excellent option for those starting small, who want a sofa which can change and grow as their home or family expands.

"For a bit of fun, you can mix up modules in different colour options to create an edgy, individual look, or go for a unified colour option but use different module styles to create a truly bespoke feature."

Always order a fabric swatch and 'live' with it for a few days before confirming your choice, so you can view it in different lights and also, if it has a pile, check its look after you've sat on it. If you're looking for a hard-wearing fabric to withstand the punishment of a family, polyester Accor fabric is particularly durable.

BUTTONS AND BLOOMS

Catwalk trends impact on decor and seating too, and it's important to avoid choosing a sofa that will date quickly.

"Botanicals - floral patterns - continue to dominate and are in tune with our desire to 'bring the outside in'. We're also seeing interiors take a darker turn, with inky blue set to be one of this year's most popular colours, with blushing pink for those who want a more feminine look," says Philip Watkin, director at DFS.

"Classic designs are set to make a comeback and the most coveted pieces are embracing button detail, which we've interpreted in Chesterfield-inspired silhouettes with a modern twist.

"Velvet, a classic material, is still riding high in the style stakes, and to update your look, be bold with vibrant colour-blocking hues, or introduce linear panels in plush velvet or high-definition devore."

Make sure your sofa will fit into your home by measuring every access point - doorway, stairwell and lift that it has to pass.

If plenty of cushions are a must, go for something simple which allows plenty of space for all the family

Will you opt for a stylish design or something more practical?

It's crucial to match your sofa to the style of your room

Comfort is a key factor when making your choice

There are so many different styles on the market

Store launches 'flexible space'

The new flexible space is currently home to Alan Ward's £1 million stock clearance sale

There are plans in the pipeline to open up the 5,000sq ft area to other businesses and charitable organisations

A NEW "flexible space" has been launched at Shropshire's largest independent furniture store after the company warehouse was moved to their second site in the county.

Alan Ward in Shrewsbury previously held stock at the store on Ennerdale Road but recently moved the warehouse to a purpose-built distribution centre on Battlefield Enterprise Park. Carl Johnson, managing director of Alan Ward,

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said the move meant the stock was now delivered straight to the distribution centre ready for delivery which reduced costs, the company's carbon footprint and delivery times.

The former warehouse has now been transformed into a flexible space which was unveiled earlier this month with a £1 million stock clearance sale.

The flexible space can be accessed through the store and initially all leading brand clearance stock will be brought to the store from other Alan Ward stores in Chester, Newcastle-under-Lyme and Winsford to make way for the new spring season ranges.

Mr Johnson said: "The flexible space opens up many options for us here at Alan Ward and the most obvious event to hold first was the £1 million stock clearance sale.

"However going forward we have many ideas and plans in the pipeline to open up the 5,000sq ft area to other businesses and charitable organisations.

"To other businesses it does obviously still have the industrial feel about it but equally it can be transformed into something quite different for a specific event.

Clearance

"It is full of stock ready at the moment as part of the clearance sale with plans for more events in the future. We plan to hold a celebration event for staff later in the year and have plans for exhibitions, manufacturer's roadshows, charity fundraising events and more.

"It is a fantastic space and we are open to ideas from our customers and suppliers and other organisations as to what they would like to see the flexible space used for."The massive sale will continue in the flexible space every day from 9.30am throughout March until all the clearance stock is sold.

Mr Johnson added: "We have some truly fantastic offers in the £1 million stock clearance sale but be quick because once it's gone it's gone." Any business or organisation who would like to enquire about using the flexible space should email maddie.hodge@alanward.co.uk

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Orangeries create versatile extra living space

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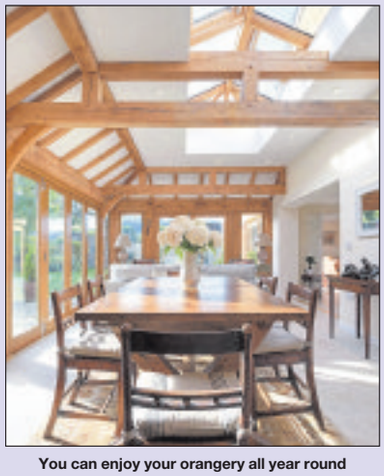

You can enjoy your orangery all year round

Hit the floor with some shabby chic paintwork

Accessories and furnishings will help to complete the look and bring together your theme

Make sure floorboards are well-prepared before painting

The Wickes 850W Planer makes light work of trimming doors

By Julia Gray

WHILE painted floorboards aren't generally as practical as stained or varnished boards, they are a great look, especially if you love shabby chic.

Here's our top tips for a great look:

1. Period floorboards often have modern boards mixed in where repairs have been done over the years, or you may need to patch in new boards to replace damaged ones if you're uncovering the boards for the first time. Painting the boards can make it easier to disguise new ones than with wood stain or varnish, although there may be a noticeable difference in the wood grain between old and new.

2. As long as the boards are in good condition, you should be able to use a wood scraper, sandpaper and a handheld electric sander to clean them off and make them smooth. Remember to bang down any protruding nails with a nail punch and hammer – using a nail punch stops you damaging the boards with the hammer. Boards in a worse state will need to be sanded with an industrial floor sander. Hiring a sander – and an edger for where the sander can't reach – isn't particularly expensive, but it's hot, hard and dusty work. Afterwards, you may feel that as you've gone to all that effort, it's a shame to cover the newly sanded boards with paint.

3. It's important to clean the sanded boards thoroughly to get the best finish. Vacuuming them only goes so far – wipe them over after vacuuming, ideally with methylated spirits (or turps or white spirit), to remove any remaining sanding dust. Cleaning the boards between coats of paint may also be necessary. To clean out the gaps between the boards, run a knitting needle, butter knife or screwdriver down them.

4. Newer boards may contain resinous knots, which will need to be sealed with knotting solution to prevent the resin bleeding through and spoiling the paint. Alternatively, you can use Ronseal Knot Block Wood Primer & Undercoat (from £7.98 for 250ml, B&Q), which seals the knots, primes and undercoats in one, saving you time and effort. You'll need to apply wood primer/undercoat to all the boards – try diluting the first coat with about 10% of white spirit so it penetrates the wood better. After starting to paint the boards, you may find that yellow patches appear. If normal paint won't cover them, use a stain-block paint – Polycell One Coat Stain Stop aerosol (£5.50, Tesco Direct) dries much quicker than most stain blocks.

5. If you need to use the room again soon, a quick-drying floorboard paint – water-based ones dry fastest – is your best bet. However, if you can close the door and wait some time for the floor to dry, a solvent-based paint may be more durable long term and should require fewer coats. You'll have to do several coats of water-based white floorboard paint, for example, to avoid a patchy finish. Water-based white paint shouldn't yellow over time, but a solvent-based white probably will, so bear this in mind before picking your product.

Painted floorboards look great and will brighten up your living space for a relatively small outlay

TOP PRODUCT

If you have doors to trim down, or other woodwork to plane, an electric planer will save you time and effort, and the Wickes 850W Planer (£39.99, Wickes) is an excellent choice.

This good value, powerful planer is a great workhorse and proves you don't have to spend a lot to get fast and efficient power tools. While you're in Wickes, or on www.wickes.co.uk, check out the latest offers.

HOW-TO TIP

How do you prop up doors while you hang or paint them, or other heavy objects while you work on or around them? If you're on your own, it's tricky, but the Easy Air Wedge (£11.99, www.robertdyas.co.uk) is a handy addition to your toolbox that makes managing on your own possible. The Easy Air Wedge is a small inflatable bag that can safely lift a whopping 120kg.

Simply push the deflated bag under the object, squeeze the built-in hand pump to inflate it and adjust - the rigid plastic core ensures it won't buckle or bend.

Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Country residence is in an unspoilt setting

An individual country residence comprising a five-bedroomed family house, a detached two-bedroomed annexe, a further detached office/separate accommodation, a timber two storey outbuilding and paddocks in around six acres, Little Sutton, Rednal, West Felton lies in an unspoilt rural setting.

It is for sale through Balfours and Halls at £725,000.

The main property has three reception rooms, a family kitchen, office, utility room, a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room, four further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The property has attractively appointed, yet deceptively spacious, "cottage style" internal accommodation, of great charm and character, which retains a number of attractive original features.

It also has the benefit of a well-appointed detached single storey annexe, which is ideal for a member of the family, or for "letting out".

This is currently let.

It lies in a beautiful rural setting in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside.

Whilst being in a peaceful setting, it is only approximately four miles from the well-known border market town of Oswestry, which has an excellent range of local shopping, recreational and educational facilities.

It is also within easy motoring distance of the county towns of Shrewsbury (16 miles) and Chester (30 miles), both of which have a more comprehensive range of amenities.

For further information contact Balfours of Shrewsbury on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk or from Halls of Ellesmere on 01691 622602 or visit www.hallsgb.com

Attractive four bedroom home overlooks countryside

Situated in a beautiful position overlooking local farmland, countryside and beyond, The Mount, Middletown, near Welshpool, is an improved, spacious and versatile four bedroom detached house sitting in gardens and grounds approaching approximately 0.75 of an acre. The property is on the market through Holland Broadbridge for £345,000.The accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, reception hallway, lounge, separate dining room, luxury re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby and re-fitted downstairs shower room. There is also a first floor landing, four good size bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, separate WC and generous size driveway. Contact Holland Broadbridge on (01743) 357000 for more details.

Spacious detached home sits in an attractive position

A spacious detached bungalow, 17 Park Drive in Oswestry, is situated in a popular residential area. The property is for sale through JJ Dell&Co with a guide price of £294,950 and there is no chain. The home occupies an attractive position overlooking the town and it is within walking distance of the town's amenities. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. There is a kitchen, dining room, lounge, three bedrooms and a bathroom. In addition one of the bedrooms benefits from an ensuite bathroom. The property also has a conservatory, a utility and a good size garden plot. The home is approached over a tarmacadam drive providing ample car parking and turning area.

There are also useful timber and felt store sheds and a good size rear patio area.

For more information contact JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 01691 680212.

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Property within walking distance of town centre

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre.
The home has gas central heating.
Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, modern bathroom and loft room. The property is set back from the road with a small walled front garden. Enclosed rear garden is principally laid to lawn. There is a shared pedestrian access to the rear.
The property is within walking distance of Woodside Primary School.
For more information Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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Three storey home oozes charm and character

Melbourne House in Llanfyllin is a well presented deceptively spacious three storey, five bedroom semi-detached period property conveniently situated within easy walking distance of Llanfyllin town centre. It is on the market through Halls for £115,000. The property oozes charm and character, and would ideally suit a first time buyer, family, or as an investment, and must be viewed to be appreciated. Accommodation includes a dining room with a slate floor, a cosy sitting room providing ample living space and a generous sized kitchen/breakfast room with a good range of bespoke fitted units and work surfaces. On the first floor there are three double bedrooms, one of which is currently used as a study, and a good sized family bathroom with bath and shower. There are two further double bedrooms on the second floor.
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Oswestry Office 01691 679595

2 Broadlands Way, Oswestry £259,950

Recently re-furbished detached house. Three reception rooms and conservatory. Fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Master bedroom and en-suite shower. Three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Attached single garage and large corner plot. Gas-fired central heating, double glazing. EPC Rating = 63 (D)

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New build is in the heart of picturesque valley

One of two new build properties in the heart of The Ceiriog Valley, Plot 1 New Houses, Dolywern, is for sale through Town & Country at £279,950. The property comprises an entrance hallway with a staircase off, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complimentary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front.
The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom.
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TOWN & COUNTRY

Listed property in village has six bedrooms

A listed six bedroom village property, Street House, Llandysilio near Four Crosses, has been renovated and is set in a large garden plot with a range of useful outbuildings. The property is on the market through JJ Dell & Co and has a guide price of £425,000. The home is a three storey detached residence offering spacious and adaptable accommodation and has the benefit of secondary double glazing and oil fired central heating. The property has an entrance porch, entrance hall, cellar, breakfast kitchen, utility, cloakroom and conservatory. There is a also a dining room, living room, sitting room and snug. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom and on the second floor there are a further three bedrooms and another bathroom. The property has its own private gravelled driveway, a large garden, two greenhouses, a barn/double garage, stable/store and a garage. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for details.

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- Listed Six Bed. Village Property
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- Four Reception Rooms
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- Cellar
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- Garage
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- Double glazing and gas central heating together with a burglar alarm

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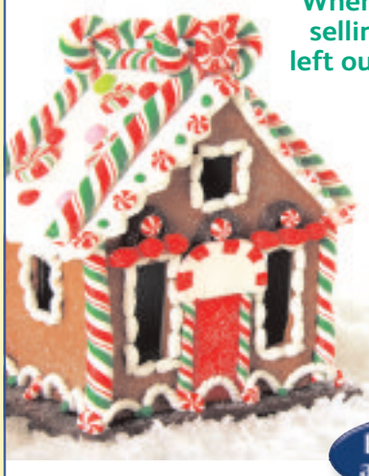

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Detached family home is in a popular location

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WOODHEAD

Home sits in a pleasant rural position

Julohn, 2 Bryngwilla, Rhyn Lane, St Martins, is a three bedroomed detached house occupying a pleasant rural position with opportunity for further improvement.
The property is for sale through JJ Dell & Co, there is no chain.
The property is for sale for a guide price of £199,000.
Accommodation includes a reception hall, sitting room, living room, dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom and garaging and good sized garden.
At the side of the house is a prefabricated concrete single garage with up and over door. The property has the benefit of a large garden plot, extending to the side and rear, laid principally down to lawn with useful wooden store shed and garden store. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for more details.

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Smallholding is in an idyllic rural location

A smallholding in an idyllic rural location, Ty Cerrig at Croesaubach has outstanding views of the Shropshire plain, yet is just three miles from Oswestry. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson with a guide price of £350,000. The property is a spacious three-bedroomed detached cottage standing in mature gardens, a range of useful outbuildings, stables and field shelters together with about 10.75 acres of excellent pasture land located in a ring fence immediately to the rear of the house. With some original features, the cottage has double glazing and oil central heating, an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room/WC, boot room, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The well-maintained outbuildings include a double garage, livestock shed, stable, barn and a separate field shelter. The land is split into conveniently-sized paddocks. Call Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

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Dynamo: Magician Impossible

5.15pm

The illusionist shocks onlookers by appearing to dive from the roof of the famous LA Times headquarters in Los Angeles, only for his fall to stop when his body reaches a horizontal position. He then proceeds to walk down the side of the building all the way to the pavement.

Live Athletics

12am

The World Indoor Championships. Coverage of the third day of the competition at the Oregon Convention Centre in Portland, including the finals of the women's 60m, men's triple jump, and both the women's and men's 400m. With commentary by Steve Cram and Paula Radcliffe.

You're Back in the Room

8.40pm

Phillip Schofield and renowned illusionist Keith Barry challenge five strangers to team up for more seemingly simple challenges. This time, one contestant is mesmirised into believing they are Phillip's best man, and another to drench everyone in sight with a fire extinguisher.

The World's Weirdest Weather

6.45pm

The mysteries behind the world's most bizarre climatic conditions. This edition explores strange sounds produced by unusual weather, including bell-like ringing resonating from rocks, sci-fi style thrumming noises coming from lakes, and the ear-splitting roar of deadly twisters.

The NCIS Movie: Judgement Day

10.30pm

The funeral of a special agent in Los Angeles leads Shepard on a dangerous covert mission to finish some classified business she began a decade previously in Europe. Feature-length edition of the crime drama, starring Cote de Pablo and Sean Murray.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** 11602 7049in invites Ashley Palmer-Watts and José Pizarro to help him create culinary delights, while Susy Atkins picks out wines to accompany the dishes prepared in the studio.
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** A glimpse of the chef in his own kitchen, preparing the dishes he enjoys rustling up while "off duty". He begins by focusing on meals suitable for lazy winter days. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Newcastle United v Sunderland and Manchester City v Manchester United.
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 **Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships. Action from the second day of the competition at the Oregon Convention Centre in Portland.
2.00 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** Wales v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). Jason Mohammad introduces the opening match of the final round of fixtures, which takes place at the Principality Stadium.
4.30 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.15 **Dynamo: Magician Impossible.** The illusionist dives from the roof of the LA Times headquarters in Los Angeles.
5.45 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Tim Key, Andy McConnell, Amy Macdonald and Richard Stilgoe. (R)
6.15 **BBC News.**
6.25 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.30 **Pointless Celebrities.** New series. Simon Day, Paul Chowdhry, Emily Atack, Ian Lavender, Kerry Godliman, Graeme Garden, Steve Pemberton and Bob Mortimer take part in a special edition of the quiz.
7.20 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** France v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents from the Stade de France, where this year's tournament reaches its conclusion.
10.00 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin hosts as the all-important winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches; **National Lottery Update.**
11.50 FILM: **The Uninvited (2009).** A teenager released from a mental institution begins to suspect her stepmother may have caused her mother's death in a fire. Thriller, starring Emily Browning and Arielle Kebbel.
1.15 FILM: **Wake Wood (2010).** A couple perform a pagan ritual to restore their dead daughter to life, but the resurrection goes terribly wrong. Horror, with Aidan Gillen, Eva Birthistle and Timothy Spall.
2.40 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.45 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.35 FILM: **The Big Sky (1952).** Western, starring Kirk Douglas.
8.35 FILM: **Forbidden Planet (1956).** Sci-fi drama, starring Walter Pidgeon.
10.10 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Properties in Derbyshire, London and Kent. (R)
11.10 **Natural World: Spectacled Bears – Shadows of the Forest.** Peru's endangered spectacled bears. (R)
12.00 **Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul.** Gastronomic road trip through the former Byzantine Empire. (R)
1.00 **The Best Dishes Ever.** A selection of dishes using game. (R)
1.30 **Escape to the Country.** An East Sussex home with a spectacular view. (R)
2.20 FILM: **The Red Shoes (1948).** Powell and Pressburger's drama, starring Moira Shearer.
4.30 **Flog It!** From Exmouth Pavilion in Devon. (R)
5.30 **Big Dreams Small Spaces.** Two Oxford neighbours combine their front gardens. (R)
6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don begins to sow annual climbers and gets started on tidying and mulching his borders, while Joe Swift reveals how and when to prune trees. (R)
7.00 **Celebrity Antiques Road Trip.** TV presenters Johnny Ball and John Craven embark on a quest to unearth collectibles in Hampshire and Dorset, with help from experts Charles Hanson and Philip Serrell. (R)
8.00 **Perry and Croft: Made in Britain.** A celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry, examining how their work can be viewed as a unique chronicle of the UK in the 20th century. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring lets Frazer take charge of the platoon, gambling that a taste of authority will give him a more responsible attitude. (R)
9.00 FILM: **Michael Jackson's Journey from Motown to Off the Wall (2016).** Documentary charting the path of the King of Pop's career, from his work alongside his brothers while part of the Motown stable, through to the release of Off the Wall in 1979.
10.30 **Pop Goes BBC2.** Exploration of popular music since 1964 through a selection of 50 moments from BBC2, featuring live performances, interviews and excerpts from documentaries. (R)
12.00 **Live Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships. Coverage of the third day of the competition at the Oregon Convention Centre in Portland.
3.00 **Messiah at the Foundling Hospital.** Amanda Vickery and Tom Service present a docu-drama telling the story of the performance of Handel'0s Messiah at London's Foundling Hospital in 1750. (R)
4.00 **A Cabbie Abroad: Cambodia.** Mason McQueen drives taxis in three cities around the world, beginning in Phnom Penh. (R)
5.00 **The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway.** Documentary about the construction of the Crossrail train line. (R)

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8.30 **Scrambled!: Jessie.** Disney sitcom, starring Debby Ryan.
9.05 **Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show.** Cat and mouse adventures. (R)
9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** A TV sports personality is murdered. (R)
10.20 **Murder, She Wrote.** Part two of two. The doctor reveals Seth was poisoned. (R)
11.20 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
12.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.30 **Big Box Little Box.** Testing out a home tanning kit and a meat grinder. (R)
1.00 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
2.00 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
3.00 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
4.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
4.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
4.30 **Live Six Nations Rugby Union.** Ireland v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm).
7.10 **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** Eddie the Eagle stars Hugh Jackman and Taron Egerton step into the role of guest announcers, while Peter Crouch and Abbey Clancy take part in I'm a Celebrity, Get Out of Me Ear!
8.40 **You're Back in the Room.** Phillip Schofield and renowned illusionist Keith Barry challenge five more strangers to complete seemingly simple challenges, this time enlisting the aid of Chris Kamara.
9.40 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined in the studio by Hugh Jackman, Taron Egerton, Shazia Mirza and Luke Evans. Plus, Scottish alternative rockers Primal Scream perform. Last in the series.
10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.00 FILM: **Yes Man (2008).** A downtrodden man has his life transformed when he decides to say yes to every opportunity. Comedy based on the book by Danny Wallace, starring Jim Carrey and Zooey Deschanel.
1.00 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates the murder of an heiress's bodyguard and the theft of a priceless necklace. With Angela Lansbury. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** Lily and Marshall discuss having children. (R)
6.40 **The King of Queens.** Part one of two. Arthur and Ava face difficulties. (R)
7.05 **The King of Queens.** Part two of two. The wedding day problems continue. Last in the series. (R)
7.30 **The Grid.** A preview of the new Formula 1 season with Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton.
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert moves out. (R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Andy has an article published. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** A look ahead to this afternoon's key races.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard seeks relationship advice from Penny. (R)
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon becomes obsessed with gift-giving etiquette. (R)
11.00 **The Superhumans Show.** With Helena Lucas, Jessica Stretton and Kimberly Wyatt.
11.30 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD.** The team faces a climactic battle with Hydra.
12.30 **Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.** Action from the battle for pole position.
2.15 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Uttoxeter and Kempton Park.
4.30 **Come Dine with Me.** Mother-of-two Anna hosts the first in a week of dinner parties in Swansea.
5.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Blacksmith Arwel hosts the second dinner party in Swansea.
5.30 **Come Dine with Me.** Trainee teacher Leon hosts a Welsh-themed party in Swansea.
6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Former soldier Jade hosts the fourth and final dinner party in Swansea, but with Anna and Leon still at loggerheads, things might not go as smoothly as she had planned.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
6.45 **The World's Weirdest Weather.** Sounds produced by unusual weather, including noises resonating from rocks and lakes, and the ear-splitting roar of deadly twisters.
7.40 FILM: **The Day After Tomorrow (2004).** A climatologist races across America to rescue his son as freak weather conditions cause devastation around the world. Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid.
10.00 FILM: **Kick-Ass 2 (2013).** Premiere. Amateur vigilante Dave joins a team of crimefighters, but faces the world's first supervillain. Action comedy sequel, with Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Chloe Grace Moretz.
12.05 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** A failing pizzeria in Los Angeles. (R)
1.00 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Cameron confronts Tegan. (R)
3.10 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.** A Worcester home that seems to be stuck in a 1980s time warp. (R)
4.05 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in Sheffield. (R)
5.05 **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R)
5.20 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.40** Little Princess **7.50** Pip Ahoy! **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Wanda and the Alien
8.55 **The Fairly OddParents.**
9.30 **The Saturday Show Live.**
11.40 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** A collection of videos taken from the internet. (R)
12.10 **The Gadget Show.** Ortis Deley and Jason Bradbury gaze into the future of the military. (R)
1.10 **Police Interceptors.** (R)
2.05 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents take on an eviction that is full of surprises. (R)
3.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents face a sensitive eviction. (R)
4.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction. (R)
5.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents must deal with a negligent tenant. (R)
6.00 **5 News Weekend.**
6.05 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** Callen and Sam hunt for two gunmen who shot Deeks during a robbery at a convenience store, and discover the gunmen were gang members for hire.
7.00 **NCIS: New Orleans.** An agent from the Royal Australian Navy disrupts Pride's investigation into the death of an Australian lieutenant killed on US soil. Naval crime drama, starring Scott Bakula.
8.00 **NCIS.** While on a joint Coast Guard and NCIS training exercise at sea, Gibbs and Agent Borin spot a dead man overboard, who is found to be a missing member of the crew of a nearby vessel.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches from the Championship, which included Derby County v Nottingham Forest.
10.00 **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of the latest matches in League One and League Two, which included Wigan Athletic v Bradford City, and Stevenage v Northampton Town.
10.30 **The NCIS Movie: Judgement Day.** The funeral of a special agent in Los Angeles leads Shepard on a covert mission to finish some classified business she began a decade previously in Europe. (R)
12.10 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** (R)
4.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** (R)
4.40 **Divine Designs.** (R)
5.05 **HouseBusters.** (R)
5.30 **Access.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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The Night Manager
9pm
Roper discovers that crucial documents have been leaked. Pine is asked to demonstrate weapons to one of the arms dealer's clients, and is confronted with the full horror of Roper's actions. Dromgoole tries to persuade Burr to abandon her investigation, leaving her afraid for her family's safety.

Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion
7pm
Gareth Malone tracks down members from all the choirs who have participated in the series. He wants to put together a choir featuring the most talented singers he has encountered, and has just four weeks to complete his mission.

The Story of Cats
8pm
The series concludes with a look at species that have adapted to behave very differently to typical felines, allowing them to survive in unusual conditions. Featuring jaguars that swim underwater and tigers able to survive freezing temperatures and snowstorms. Narrated by Olivia Colman.

Indian Summers
9pm
Aafrin's wounded comrade Naresh is convinced someone has betrayed him, but as Aafrin struggles to contain him, he discovers the truth is darker and more dangerous than he knew, putting the woman he loves at risk. Ralph's ambitions come crashing down as Lord Hawthorne is tipped for India's top job.

Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas
8pm
The duo try to crack the secret behind four more magic acts, assessing an illusionist battling his own reflection, some shocking predictions, a card trick involving a mini plunger and a mindbending stunt with a Rubik's Cube.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
7.40 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park and Crystal Palace v Leicester City at Selhurst Park. (R)
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 The Big Questions. Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Patcham High School, Brighton, with contributions by members of the studio audience.
11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R)
1.00 BBC News; Weather.
1.15 The Sport Relief Games Show 2016. Matt Baker, John Inverdale and Alex Jones introduce sporting challenges from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as well as fundraising events going on around the country.
3.15 A Question of Sport. With Steph Houghton, Michael Vaughan, Tommy Fleetwood and Will Sharman. (R)
3.45 Escape to the Country. Searching for a rural property in north Devon. (R)
4.30 Lifeline. Martin Clunes appeals on behalf of the Haven.
4.40 Songs of Praise. John Craven joins Archbishop John Sentamu on his six-month pilgrimage.
5.15 Sport Relief 2016: The Best Bits. Highlights of the fundraising event, including Jo Brand, Eddie Izzard and Greg James reliving their challenges. Plus, a look at how the money raised is being spent.
6.15 BBC News.
6.35 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.45 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which was the inspiration for the Hundred Acre Wood in AA Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh series of stories. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
7.45 The Voice UK. Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson continue the process of whittling their teams of eight down to three as the knock-out stage of the contest carries on.
9.00 The Night Manager. Roper becomes suspicious that he has a traitor in his team. Pine is asked to demonstrate weapons to one of the arms dealer's clients, and Burr fears for her family's safety.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium and Newcastle United v Sunderland at St James' Park.
11.55 Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships.
1.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC2.
6.15 An Island Parish. (R)
6.45 An Island Parish. (R)
7.15 This Farming Life. Martin and Mel introduce their newly purchased rams to their flock of ewes. (R)
8.15 Gardeners' World. (R)
8.45 Countryfile. A selection of features from past episodes about young farmers. (R)
9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. Highlights of the series.
11.15 The Best Dishes Ever. (R)
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12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in Kent, Northumberland and south London. (R)
2.00 Heir Hunters. (R)
3.00 Athletics. The World Indoor Championships.
5.00 Flog It! From Hereford Cathedral. (R)
5.30 The Secret History of My Family. Two Victorian mothers from opposite ends of the social scale. (R)
6.30 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain. The celebration of comedy writing duo David Croft and Jimmy Perry continues with an examination of how their sitcoms chronicled the UK's class system in the 20th century. (R)
7.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion. To mark the 10th anniversary of The Choir, Gareth Malone tracks down members from all the choirs who have participated in the series to bring them together for a reunion. (R)
8.00 World's Weirdest Events. Chris Packham discovers the cause of mysterious holes in the Russian tundra, finds an underwater lake and meets the creator of a cannon especially for salmon. Last in the series.
9.00 Tribes, Predators & Me. New series. Gordon Buchanan learns how tribal cultures hunt and live alongside dangerous animals, beginning by joining the Waorani tribe in Ecuador as they search for anacondas.
10.00 Thirteen. Ivy tries to reconnect with her sister, but a mysterious letter threatens their reconciliation. Merchant returns to Mark White's house, and makes a shocking discovery.
11.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story. The prosecution team is no match for Johnnie Cochran's tactics and mind games, or his stage-managed showcase of OJ's life, while Chris Darden faces antagonism from friend and foe. (R)
11.50 Line of Duty. Arnott uncovers new details about Denton's personal life which appear to support her claim that she is being framed, while Hastings risks his career to pursue a high-level target. (R)
12.50 Line of Duty. Fleming remains determined to prove Denton had a role in the ambush. Last in the series. (R)
1.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R)
2.45 Sign Zone: Holby City. (R)
3.45 A Cabbie Abroad: Canada. (R)
4.45 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway. (R)
5.45 This Is BBC2.

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9.25 ITV News.
9.30 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica gets embroiled in murder and espionage. (R)
10.25 Murder, She Wrote. Cabot Cove's new priest faces a moral dilemma. (R)
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1.40 River Monsters. Stories of primordial bloodsuckers in the Pacific Northwest. (R)
2.40 Big Star's Little Star. With Kym Marsh, Vince Cable and Elliott Wright. (R)
3.40 Off Their Rockers. Velma gets racy in a photo booth. (R)
4.10 FILM: Octopussy (1983). James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.
6.35 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. The future of Rheda's realm rests in her hands, but whether she summons the courage to fight against her brother and his fearsome army remains to be seen. Last in the series.
8.00 The Story of Cats. Species that have adapted to behave very differently to typical felines, from jaguars that swim underwater to tigers able to survive freezing temperatures. Last in the series.
9.00 Doctor Thorne. Frank and Mary plan their wedding, but Lady Arabella is determined to talk them out of it. Sir Roger's son proves every bit as self-destructive as his father. Last in the series.
10.05 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.20 Six Nations Highlights. Jill Douglas presents action from the fifth and final round of the championship, featuring Wales v Italy, Ireland v Scotland, and France v England.
11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 17th round of fixtures, including Bath v Newcastle Falcons, Exeter Chiefs v Northampton Saints, and Leicester Tigers v Saracens.
12.15 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming.
3.00 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

Channel 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. Ted receives a shock at the cinema. (R)
6.35 How I Met Your Mother. Lily realises she still has doubts about becoming a parent. (R)
7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. Robert and Amy split up. (R)
7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. Marie and Frank go on a diet. (R)
7.50 Frasier. Lilith and Frasier are set up on a blind date. (R)
8.15 Frasier. The Maris murder case makes Niles a celebrity. (R)
8.40 Frasier. KACL staff compete against a rival station. (R)
9.10 The Big Bang Theory. Sheldon's mother comes to visit. (R)
9.35 The Big Bang Theory. The gang celebrates Halloween. (R)
10.00 The Big Bang Theory. Penny and Bernadette shop for bridesmaid dresses without Amy. (R)
10.30 Sunday Brunch. With guests including Bill Turnbull and Ashley Banjo.
1.30 Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the opening round of the season.
4.00 FILM: Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013). Premiere. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman.
6.00 Heston's Dinner in Space. Heston Blumenthal and his team, working closely with the UK Space Agency, ESA and NASA, attempt to revolutionise the previously limited world of space food.
7.30 Channel 4 News.
8.00 Great Canal Journeys. New series. Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on more waterway adventures, attempting one of the longest canal journeys in the world – 350 miles coast to coast across Sweden.
9.00 Indian Summers. Aafrin's wounded comrade Naresh is convinced someone has betrayed him, but as Aafrin struggles to contain him, he discovers the truth is darker and more dangerous than he knew.
10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.00 FILM: The Taking of Pelham 123 (2009). Criminals hijack a crowded New York subway train and threaten to kill the passengers unless they are paid $10million. Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington and John Travolta.
1.00 Embarrassing Bodies Down Under. A woman with baggy excess skin caused by weight loss. (R)
1.50 Come Dine with Me. Street warden Gavin Dyer hosts the first dinner party in Torbay, Devon. (R)
2.20 Come Dine with Me. Alison Deare hosts the second party in Torbay, Devon. (R)
2.50 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.15 Come Dine with Me. (R)
3.45 Come Dine with Me. (R)
4.10 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. Three homeowners in Milton Keynes compete to sell their properties. (R)
5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)
5.55 How I Met Your Mother. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.35** Paw Patrol **7.40** Little Princess **7.50** Pip Ahoy! **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.50** Wanda and the Alien **9.05** Toby's Travelling Circus **9.20** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
9.55 The Fairly OddParents. Double bill. Mark Chang takes up his father's crown.
10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R)
11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (R)
12.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)
12.15 FILM: Madeline (1998). Children's comedy, with Hatty Jones and Frances McDormand.
2.00 FILM: Justin and the Knights of Valour (2013). Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore.
4.00 FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004). Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.
6.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. Dave Spikey and Zoe Lyons introduce videos from the internet featuring animals doing bizarre and humorous things, with the first edition focusing on cats. (R)
7.00 Now That's Funny! Featuring clips of animals behaving like humans, a baby who has an odd reaction to bacon, and some fancy dance moves.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas. Featuring an illusionist battling his own reflection, some shocking predictions, a card trick involving a mini plunger and a mindbending stunt with a Rubik's Cube.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 FILM: Tower Block (2012). Premiere. The last remaining residents of a soon-to-be-demolished tower block prepare to leave, only to find all the ways out of the building have been cut off and a mysterious sniper is watching their every move, waiting to gun them down. They find that not only is the building booby-trapped with deadly devices, but also that some of their number are not as innocent as they seem. Thriller, starring Sheridan Smith, Jack O'Connell, Russell Tovey and Ralph Brown. Includes 5 News at 10pm.
10.45 FILM: Harry Brown (2009). An elderly retired marine takes the law into his own hands when his friend is murdered by hoodlums on a London estate. Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine and Emily Mortimer.
12.35 Tattoo Disasters UK. (R)
1.00 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming.
3.10 Police Interceptors. (R)
4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R)
4.25 Wildlife SOS. (R)
4.50 Great Artists. (R)
5.15 Divine Designs. (R)
5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50 Angels of Jarm. (R)

Louise Crawford and Sebastiano Siddi with the new plaque

Mike Jones, David Davies from the St John Ambulance and Mike Griffiths

Peter Hill, Richard Hayes and Mike Griffiths

Rotarians kept busy

Report by Naomi Penrose

ROTARY clubs in Oswestry have been kept busy by taking part in various activities and projects.

Members of the Cambrian Rotary Club has been busy helping the elderly in the town through its Osyteers volunteering scheme.

Rotarians Merrick Corfield and Jim Griffiths did some bed moving and mattress turning for a resident in Monkmoor Road in Oswestry. Thirty two extra "life savers" are now in the community after attending a Heart Start health course, organised by Cambrian Rotary and the Oswestry community responders.

The Cambrian Rotary has welcomed two more members. Paula Smith and Sebastiano Siddi were welcomed by membership chair Nadia Dimitrova. And the club has installed a plaque to the entrance to the Wynnstay Hotel where it holds its meetings. Louise Crawford and Sebastiano Siddi from the hotel recently took a look at the new plaque.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Oswestry Tree of Light appeal has awarded the Oswestry unit of St John Ambulance £150 to fund First Aid sessions in schools.

Tree of Light organiser Mike Jones presented David Davies, president of the St John Ambulance Oswestry unit, with the cheque, watched by Oswestry Rotary president Mike Griffiths.

Members of the Rotary Club of Oswestry were thoroughly engaged by the excellent presentation by recent guest speaker The Reverend Richard Hayes, chairman of the Friends of Lord Hill's Column, Shrewsbury.

Mr Hayes encouraged members to become a Friend of Lord Hill's Column.

He was thanked for his presentation by rotarians Peter Hill and Mike Griffiths.

Participants learn about CPR and First Aid at the Heart Start event

Paula Smith, Nadia Dimitrova and Sebastiano Siddi

Osyteers Merrick Corfield and Jim Griffiths get to work

Community responders Steve Gatley and Sean Ellis with Brian and Helen Case at the Heart Start event

Jim Griffiths and Merrick Corfield get on with their voluntary work

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

deaths

BRAMHALL

Sally

Passed away peacefully at the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury, on March 11, 2016, aged 65 years.

A Service of Celebration will be held at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Ruyton-XI-Towns, on Monday, March 21, at 2pm.

Donations if desired to the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury.

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PREECE

Phyllis

(Phyl)

Beloved Wife of the late Horace, of Summerhill, Baschurch and Millington Close. A loving and much loved Mum to Sylvia and Mum-in-law to Ken. Cherished Nan to Andrew and Karen and Helen and Jamie and Great-Nan to Josh, Adam, Ethan and Emelia, passed away peacefully at High Lea House on March 4, 2016, in her 101st year.

The Funeral Service will be held in All Saints Church, Baschurch on Tuesday, March 22, at 11.30am, followed by Interment in Ruyton Road Cemetery.

Family flowers only, however all donations will support the work of Hope House Children's Respite Hospice.

All inquiries please to

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PRICE

Gordon

Of Weston Rhyn.

Passed away peacefully at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, on March 5, 2016, aged 80 years.

Loving Partner of Bernadette.

Cremation at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Tuesday, April 5, at 11am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Chirk, at 12 noon.

Flowers welcome or donations, if desired, to The MS Society.

Inquiries to

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PUGH

Gladys Annie

Formerly of Morton, Oswestry.

Passed away peacefully on March 4, 2016, aged 96 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Jim, dearly loved Mother of Pam, Janet and Christine, Mother-in-law of John, Ken and Mike and much loved Grandmother of Sandra, Ruth, Rachel, Paul, James, Philip and Dewi.

Funeral Service at St Philip and St James Parish Church, Morton on Tuesday, March 22, at 2pm, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Philip and St James Parish Church, Morton.

All inquiries to

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TUPPER

Jane Margaret

Of Bayston Hill. Devoted Wife of the late Reverend Michael Tupper, much loved Mother, Sister, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Passed away peacefully following a very brief illness on February 27, 2016, aged 85 years.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace on Wednesday, March 23, at 12 noon.

It is the Family's request a splash of colour be worn.

No flowers please, however all kind donations received will support the work of The Garden Tomb, Jerusalem.

All inquiries please to

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acknowledgements

GRIFFITHS

Hilda Winifred

Dennis, Neil and Family would like to thank everyone for all the support, cards and kind messages of sympathy received at this sad time.

Many thanks to all who attended the Church Service and for the donations of £365 in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Special thanks to Dr Arthur and Caxton Surgery for all the care Hilda received, also to Rev A Bailey, Betty Shaw and to David Davies for all their support and kindness.

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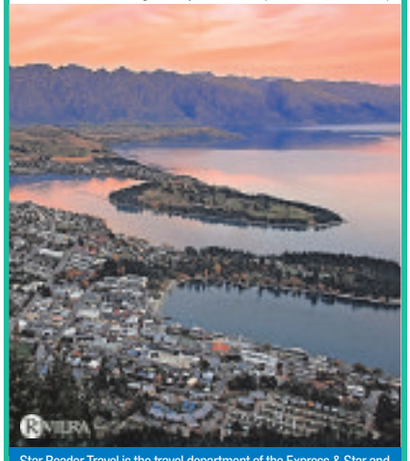

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GTi setting hearts racing

By Graham Breeze

Peugeot has a history in the hot hatch sector and the arrival of the 308GTi Sport means there's now a model that the French company can really rave about.

The RCZ and the 208 GTi have been impressive additions to the Peugeot range and now the 308GTi is starting to set hearts racing in the sector with 250 and 270hp versions available on the UK market – both powered by a 1.6 litre unit.

This model has been eagerly awaited since the new 308 arrived on the scene last year and it's fair to say that it's certainly no disappointment with the 250hp version on test topping 155mph and reaching 62mph in 6.2 seconds.

There's better efficiency too with the 1.6, six-speed manual on test achieving only 139g/km of emissions and topping 47mpg on the combine cycle – that's impressive stuff for a hot hatch.

Surprisingly the 308GTi comes in only five door format. We know the rest of the range does too but surely this sportier model should have a three-door option – one that would probably appeal more to the younger market.

But it does still look the part, sitting 11millimeteres nearer the ground and boasting a new front and rear design, with a choice of six colours.

There's an extensively revamped suspension and a choice of sports performance, matched by a solid feel on the open road and a confi-dent feel on country bends on 19inch alloys.

I'm a big fan of Peugeot's smaller steering wheel, but it wont be everyone's choice and Peugeot's i-Cockpit layout means it's a challenge to find a driving position where the wheel does not obscure the instrument clocks in front of you.

I found the seating position comfortable though and the Alacantra sports seats are a perfect match for this high performer, though a taller colleague was complaining of not enough support.

Most of the car's functions are now controlled by a central infotainment system. Everything from the phone to the heating system is on the touch-screen devise. All the manufacturers seem to be going down this route now but I'm starting to find operating the system more and more a distraction when eyes should really be on the road ahead.

Rear seat passengers complained so much of a lack of both head and leg room that I was forced to take a look myself. And yes there is a disappointing lack of space, Boot space is passable but it's again disappointing that rear seats don't fold down completely flat when you need to carry that larger piece of luggage.

The 308GTi is competing in a growing and crowded market but it does have enough qualities to produce the sales to keep bosses happy as the company continues to reinvent itself. It isn't cheap though and some may be put off by the price tag. Putting the 250 Sport on test on the road will set you back a cool £26,555, with £1,000 of that taken up by adding metallic paint and must-have panoramic glass roof.

The 308Gti isn't perfect but there's enough interest in the brand at the moment to suggest sales targets will be achieved and probably broken.

The Alcantara sports seats are a perfect match for this high performer

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Ford takes honours at awards

Ford models have won UK Car of the Year Awards for the third year in succession. The all-new right-hand drive Ford Mustang took Coupé of the Year, winning over the judges with its performance, value for money and fun factor.

UK Car of the Year honours are decided by a panel of 27 British motoring journalists, including contributors to national newspapers, consumer and industry magazines, websites and TV.

Tim Pollard, of CAR magazine, praised Ford Mustang's "exceptional value, amazing bangs for your buck and sheer drama of the thing". John Challen, UK Car of the Year Awards director, highlighted Ford Mustang for its "outstanding performance and value for money. Just the name is enough to stir even the most conservative petrol-heads,"

Ford Mustang owners can choose between 317PS of EcoBoost power or 416PS of V8 muscle, with prices starting from £30,495.

The style and practicality of the latest Ford S-MAX helped secure Multi-Purpose Vehicle of the Year Award for the acclaimed Ford model. "The original S-MAX tore up the people-carrier rulebook, and now its replacement moves the game on again. Seven-seat practicality meets renowned Ford dynamics – it's a combination that continues to defy the odds," said John Challen.

Top Gear magazine's Tom Ford reckons: "The S-MAX is an MPV that doesn't drive like one. And yet it takes seven people with ease. Plus it comes loaded with all the best convenience options. As an all-rounder for families, it's hard to beat."

Ford models have featured in the UK Car of the Year Awards since they were launched in 2014. Ford S-MAX and Ford Mustang's 2016 success follow previous accolades for the Ford Fiesta ST and Ford Mondeo.

Commenting on the wins, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director Andy Barratt, said: "We are bringing a desired taste of the US to the UK with Ford Mustang and S-MAX blends cutting-edge design with seven-seat accommodation. We're proud that the judges have recognised the strengths of both cars in this year's UK Car of the Year Awards."

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2008 08	**AUDI A4 SE 3.0 TDi QUATTRO.** Grey Metallic, Black Leather, Sat Nav, 18" Alloys, Privacy Glass £9,499
2012 12	**BMW X1 SERIES 2.0d AUTOMATIC** Metallic Bronze, 51,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH £12,999
2013 63	**CITROEN DS3 AIR DREAM D SPORT PLUS** Manual. Bright Red, Full Leather, 24,000 miles, FSH ..... SOLD
2013 63	**CITROEN DS3 D style Plus 1.6,** 1 Owner, Bright Yellow Manual, 12,000 miles, FSH £8,999
2012 12	**CITROEN BERLINGO MULTISPACE 1.6 HDi** Manual. Metallic Blue, 16,000 miles, 1 Owner £8,999
2012 61	**CITROEN 1.0 VTR+** 3-door, Red, 20,000 miles, A/C, Zero Road Tax £4,999
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2012 62	**FIAT 500 COLOUR COLLECTION 1.0** 3-door, Manual, Light Brown, 1 Owner, 18,000 miles £6,499
2007 07	**FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCi ZETEC** 5-door, Metallic Blue, 54,000 miles £3,999
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2014 14	**FORD FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC MANUAL** 5-door, Metallic Silver, Bluetooth, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles, FSH £8,999
2009 59	**LANDROVER DISCOVERY4 TDV6 3.0XS AUTO** Grey Metallic, Full Leather, Sat Nav, Bluetooth, FSH, 64,000 miles £22,999
2007 07	**LANDROVER FREELANDER 2 GS 4X4 MANUAL** Silver Metallic, 55,000 miles, FSH £10,499
2011 61	**LANDROVER FREELANDER GS 2.2 TD4 MANUAL** Half Leather, Heated Seats, Metallic Green, 35,000 miles, FSH £15,499
2008 08	**LANDROVER FREELANDER 2.2 TD4 XS MANUAL** Metallic Red, 86,000 miles ..... SOLD
2013 63	**LANDROVER DISCOVERY 4 HSE 3.0 TDV6 AUTO** Metallic Green, Cream Leather, Sat Nav, Sun Roof, Heated Seats, Top Spec., 1 Owner, FSH, 35,000 miles £35,999
2011 61	**MINI CLUBMAN 2.0D S** Manual. red, Black Roof, Sat Nav, 1 Owner, 37,000 miles, FSH £11,999
2008 08	**MINI COOPER 1.6** 3 door, Manual, Metallic, Blue/Black Roof, 43,000 miles, FSH £5,999
2011 11	**NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC 2.0 DCi 4x4 Manual.** Metallic Gold, Sat Nav, Sunroof, 1 Owner, 23,000 miles ..... SOLD
2011 11	**NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCi TEKNA 2WD MANUAL** Cafe Latte Metallic, Full Leather, Pan Roof, Sat Nav, Top Spec, 29,000 miles, FSH £11,499
2010 10	**NISSAN T-TRAIL TEKNA DCi 4x4 AUTO** Metallic Blue, Full Leather, 39,000 miles, Sat Nav, Top Spec., FSH £13,999
2013 12	**NISSAN NOTE N-TEC 1.4** 5 door, Manual, Metallic Blue, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles £7,299
2007 57	**OPEL ANTARA CDTi 2WD MANUAL** Metallic Blue, 74,000 miles £6,499
2009 09	**PEUGEOT 207 1.4** 3-door, Metallic Blue, 61,000 miles £3,999
2012 12	**PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi ACCESS** 5-door Manual. Metallic Grey, £30 a year Road Tax, 50,000 miles £6,499
2007 57	**PEUGEOT 4007 HDi 4x4 MANUAL** 7 Seater, 56,000 miles, Metallic Black £6,999
2004 04	**PORSCHE BOXSTER 2.7** MANUAL Silver Metallic with Black Leather, 82,000 miles ..... SOLD
2011 61	**RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi ESTATE Tom Tom,** Manual, Metallic Red, 40,000 miles, 1 Owner £6,999
2012 61	**RENAULT TWINGO 1.6 RS SILVERSTONE GP** Red, 64,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH £5,999
2012 12	**SEAT ALTEA XLL 2.0 SE TDi** Estate, Grey Metallic, One Owner, 22,3000 miles, FSH £9,999
2012 12	**SKODA FABIA 1.2 SE** 5-door Manual. Metallic Black, 38,000 miles, FSH £5,499
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2012 62	**TOYOTA GT86 COUPE AUTO** Pearl White Metallic, 2 Owners, 47,000 miles, FSH £13,999
2013 63	**VAUXHALL CORSA STi MANUAL** 5-door, Metallic Grey, 1 Owner, 19,000 miles, FSH £6,799
2010 60	**VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi EXCLUSIVE HATCHBACK** Manual, Metallic Silver, 41,000 miles, FSH ..... SOLD
2012 62	**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 DESIGN.** Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, 7 Seats, 29,000 miles £8,999
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2010 10	**VOLVO TC90 2.4 DS ACTIVE AUTOMATIC** 7 Seats, Half Leather, Heated Seats, Metallic Black, 57,000 miles, FSH £14,499
2010 60	**VW POLO 1.2 SE** 3-door, Blue, 44,000 miles, FSH £5,999
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2008 08	**VW PASSAT 2.0 TDi ESTATE MANUAL** Metallic Blue, 74,000 miles, FSH + Cambelt £5,999
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2013 63 VAUXHALL CORSA STi MANUAL 5-door, Metallic Grey, 1 Owner, 19,000 miles, FSH **£6,799**

2007 07 LANDROVER FREELANDER 2GS 4X4 MANUAL Silver Metallic, 55,000 miles, FSH **£10,499**

2010 10 AUDI A4 AVANT 2.0 TDi QUATTRO SE 170bhp 40,000 miles, Metallic Black, Manual, FSH **£13,999**

2007 57 FORD FOCUS ST 3-door, Bright Orange, 62,000 miles, FSH **£7,799**

2010 10 NISSAN X-TRAIL DCi TEKNA 4X4 AUTOMATIC Metallic Blue, Full Leather, Sat Nav, Bluetooth, Reverse Camera, Panoramic Sunroof, 2 Owners, 39,000 miles, FSH **£13,999**

2011 11 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 CDi TEKNA Manual 2WD, Metallic Beige, 29,000 miles, Leather, Sat Nav, Reverse Camera, Panoramic Sunroof, FSH **£11,499**

2014 64 FORD FOCUS ZETEC S TDCi 5 door Hatch, Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles, FSH **£11,999**

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2013 63 VAUXHALL ASTRA SRi CDTi 5 door, Manual, Metallic Grey, 1 Owner, 19,000 miles **£9,499**

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2013 63 CITROEN DS3 Dstyle Plus 1.6, 1 Owner, Bright Yellow Manual, 12,000 miles, FSH **£8999**

2008 08 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDi ESTATE MANUAL Metallic Blue, 74,000 miles, FSH + Cambelt **£5,999**

2009 59 LANDROVER DISCOVERY4 V6 3.0XS AUTO Grey Metallic, Full Leather, Sat Nav, Bluetooth, FSH, 64,000 miles **£22,999**

2012 62 FIAT 500 COLOUR COLLECTION 1.0 3-door, Manual, Light Brown, 1 Owner, 18,000 miles **£6,499**

2010 10 VOLVO TC90 2.4 DS ACTIVE AUTOMATIC 7 Seats, Half Leather, Heated Seats, Metallic Black, 57,000 miles, FSH **£14,499**

2012 12 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi SE Saloon, Manual, In White, 34,000 miles, FSH **£8,499**

2012 61 RENAULT TWINGO 1.6 RS SILVERSTONE GP Red, 64,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH **£5,999**

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61 FORD GRAND C-MAX TITANIUM 2.0 TDCi Auto, Blue, 56k, AUTOMATIC £8995
10 FORD MONDEO TITANIUM X, 2.0 Diesel, 69k £6595
09 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi, Black, High Mileage £4495 £3395
09 FIAT BRAVO 1.4 Dynamic, 5 door, Silver, Alloys £4495 £3995
08 FORD FIESTA ZETEC Climate, 3 door, bronze metallic £3695 £3495
57 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 life, Black , Alloys £2995
56 (07) MERCEDES A180 CDI CLASSIC SE Diesel, Silver, £3795 £3395
56 VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic £2895

56 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO HDi Diesel. Silver, FSH £2195
55 PEUGEOT 307 XSi 2.0 HDi Diesel. Bronze Met, Leather £2995
05 KIA SPORTIAGE XE CRDi Diesel, Red, must be seen £2995
54 FORD FIESTA FLAME 5-dr. Silver £2495

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11 VW POLO SEL Tdi 90 1.6 5 DOOR, SILVER, AC, ONE OWNER, ALLOY WHEELS, £30 ROAD TAX, F.S.H 55K £7,475
08 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA DSIS 4x4, GREY, FULL SERVICE HISTORY 41K £7,250
11 FORD FIESTA TITANIUM TDCi, BLACK, SERVICE HISTORY 52K £6,975
62 SKODA ROOMSTER SE 1.6 TDI CR, MET. BLUE, ALLOYS, AIR CONDITIONING 50K £6,495
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60 FIAT 500 LOUNGE, GREY, SERVICE HISTORY, £30 ROAD TAX 25K £5,795
12 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 1.2, 5 DOOR, MET. RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY. £30 ROAD TAX 42K £5,495
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60 TOYOTA YARIS TR D-4D, BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY 68K £5,295
59 CITROEN C3 PICASSO VTR PLUS 1.6 HDi, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY 66K £4,895
60 PEUGEOT 207 S 1.4, 5 DOOR, BLACK, AIR CON, ELEC. WINDOWS, SERVICE HIST 36K £4,650
09 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 ACENTA, BEIGE , AIR CON., CRUISE CONTROL, ALLOY WHEELS, F.S.H 53K £4,195
58 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6 BREEZE PLUS, 7 SEATER, SILVER, ALLOY WHEELS, AIR CON, SERVICE HISTORY 53K £4,150
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60 VW CADDY MAXI C20 TDI, BLUE, ONE OWNER, AIR CON., TWIN SIDE DOORS, ELECTRIC WINDOWS 65K £5,995
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60 PEUGEOT PARTNER HDI, WHITE. SIDE DOOR, ROOF RACK, METAL SHELVING IN REAR, SERVICE HISTORY 68K £4,295
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Honours for VW Transporter

Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles' latest evolution of the iconic Transporter model has scooped the top honour of 'Van of The Year 2016' at this year's VansA2Z 'Van of the Year' Awards.

The Transporter's superb build quality, innovative safety equipment and excellent driveability impressed the judges. The Transporter also claimed the hotly-contested 'Small Panel Van' award as well, in a clean sweep for the sixth generation model.

The VansA2Z judges commended the Transporter's comprehensive list of safety equipment, with driver alert system and automatic post collision braking system coming as standard. The sixth generation Transporter also boasts an impressive list of additional safety feature options including adaptive cruise control, city emergency braking system and high beam assist.

The judges also lauded by the Transporter's ride, handling and choice of well-matched engines. With Volkswagen's BlueMotion technology as standard, the Transporter offers excellent fuel economy. As a complete package, the VansA2Z jury felt that the Transporter stood out to win the 'Best Small Panel' van award.

Volkswagen's latest version of the Caddy was Commended in the 'Light Van' category and also picked up the 'Editor's Choice' award after impressing the VansA2Z editor with its seven-speed DSG automatic gearbox. Launched in the UK in September 2015, the latest Caddy is a driver-friendly compact load carrier that delivers a car-like driving experience. The Caddy's DSG transmission offers drivers a smooth and responsive change, making it a pleasure to drive around town or out on the open roads.

Head of fleet for Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Chris Black, collected the awards on behalf of the brand at an awards ceremony held in London. He said: "This is an excellent result for the Transporter and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. Both the Transporter and the Caddy continue to gain recognition from across the industry and these latest awards further demonstrate the quality of our products. Listening to our customers is an important part of developing our products, ensuring that they not only meet their business requirements, but also deliver class-leading performance and safety."

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Arthurs salute Astra success

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Immediately following the announcement, Arthurs of Oswestry and Newtown were saluting the success of the Ellesmere Port-built Astra which is proving to be one of their best-ever selling cars in the history of the brand.

Said Steve Hughes, Arthurs Operations Manager: "This is great news for Vauxhall – and ourselves. We are absolutely over the moon and can't wait for our customers to know the result.

"We always knew it was special so the award, which was decided by 58 European automotive journalists, is a real bonus. We are just allowing ourselves a little pat on the back."

Astra received a total of 309 points versus 294 for the Volvo XC90 and 202 for the Mazda MX-5.

Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's chairman and managing director, said: "To be named European Car of the Year by judges throughout Europe is a testament to the hard work that has gone into the Astra. This is the new model's first full year of sales, and it has already been well-received."

This year is the 52nd European Car of the Year awards and the Astra's win marks the fifth Car of the Year title for Opel/Vauxhall.

The previous winners were the Astra Mk2, Omega A, Insignia and Ampera.

The Astra has also won family car of the year at the What Car? Awards and Scottish Car of the Year.

Steve added: ''We are already selling three times as many new Astras this year compared to last year and this latest accolade can only help this continue.

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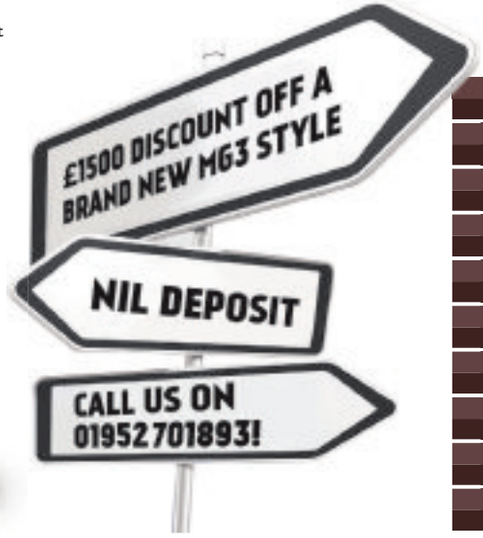

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Sky Bet League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Burton Albion	36	22	5	9	46	31	71
Wigan Ath	36	17	14	5	59	34	65
Walsall	36	18	11	7	55	37	65
Gillingham	36	18	8	10	63	43	62
Millwall	36	17	8	11	57	43	59
Bradford City	36	16	10	10	43	37	58
Coventry City	36	15	10	11	58	40	55
Barnsley	36	17	4	15	57	48	55
Port Vale	37	15	10	12	44	41	55
Southend Utd	36	15	9	12	48	44	54
Sheffield Utd	36	14	10	12	52	47	52
Rochdale	36	14	9	13	48	46	51
Scunthorpe Utd	36	14	9	13	42	42	51
Swindon Twn	35	14	7	14	55	53	49
Bury	36	13	9	14	45	58	48
P'borough Utd	36	13	6	17	60	59	45
Shrewsbury Tn	36	12	8	16	44	54	44
Chesterfield	36	12	5	19	47	58	41
Fleetwood Twn	36	10	10	16	43	46	40
Doncaster Rvrs	36	9	10	17	37	49	37
Oldham Ath	35	7	16	12	34	47	37
Blackpool	37	9	8	20	33	48	35
Crewe Alexandra	36	6	12	18	37	63	30
Colchester Utd	36	6	10	20	45	84	28

Vanarama National N

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Solihull Moors	34	21	8	5	68	38	71
AFC Fylde	33	19	5	9	61	41	62
Nth Ferriby Utd	33	17	9	7	65	37	60
Harrogate Twn	32	18	5	9	57	36	59
Nuneaton Twn	33	15	10	8	55	38	55
Boston Utd	34	17	4	13	57	53	55
Tamworth	34	13	14	7	45	36	53
Chorley	33	14	7	12	53	47	49
Curzon Ashton	34	13	9	12	49	45	48
Stockport County	34	12	12	10	40	36	48
Alfreton Twn	34	12	10	12	48	43	46
G'borough Trinity	34	13	4	17	36	51	43
Gloucester City	34	11	9	14	30	38	42
FC Utd of Man	34	11	6	17	50	68	39
Worcester City	32	10	8	14	40	43	38
Bradford PA	30	9	10	11	38	39	37
S'bridge Celtic	31	10	7	14	48	60	37
AFC Telford Utd	34	10	6	18	40	53	36
Brackley Twn	34	9	8	17	39	48	35
Lowestoft Twn	32	9	6	17	40	57	33
Hednesford Twn	34	6	12	16	43	66	30
Corby Twn	33	7	9	17	40	69	30

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford Rgrs	35	26	5	4	68	25	83
Coalville Twn	34	21	7	6	66	35	70
Shaw L A'force	31	20	8	3	68	25	68
Basford Utd	35	18	8	9	57	37	62
Lincoln Utd	33	16	9	8	53	36	57
Chasetwn	34	15	8	11	56	43	53
Leek Twn	31	16	5	10	50	37	53
Rugby Twn	33	14	9	10	54	49	51
Spalding Utd	33	13	9	11	48	42	48
Mkt Drayton Tn	34	13	9	12	51	50	48
Romulus	35	14	5	16	58	62	47
S'bridge PS	33	13	7	13	48	43	46
Belper Twn	33	12	7	14	51	55	43
Gresley	34	14	1	19	44	59	43
Newcastle Twn	34	11	7	16	48	55	40
Sheffield	33	10	8	15	49	58	38
Kidsgrove Ath	32	9	9	14	61	62	36
Carlton Twn	33	11	2	20	47	59	35
Daventry Twn	34	10	3	21	38	79	33
Goole AFC	33	8	5	20	42	68	29
L'borough Dyn	35	8	4	23	49	92	28
Tividale	32	2	11	19	35	70	17

West Midlands League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shawbury Utd	33	22	7	4	114	41	73
AFC Bridgnorth	29	20	3	6	75	26	63
Haughmond	31	18	7	6	90	48	61
W'Ton Casuals	33	17	5	11	85	69	56
Cradley Twn	29	16	5	8	71	41	53
W'Ton Spt Com	29	15	5	9	74	52	50
Dudley Sports	28	15	5	8	58	49	50
Ellesmere Rgrs	29	14	6	9	67	46	48
Malvern Twn	32	15	3	14	76	59	48
Pegasus Juniors	30	15	3	12	57	56	48
Dudley Twn	31	11	9	11	48	58	42
Wellington	28	11	8	9	55	44	41
Stone OA	30	12	3	15	51	64	39
BC Rgrs	30	10	8	12	51	50	38
Bewdley Twn	28	11	4	13	48	57	37
Smethwick Rgrs	29	10	6	13	60	78	36
Gornal Ath	31	10	3	18	52	58	33
Willenhall Twn	31	9	6	16	51	75	33
Bilston Twn Com	30	7	9	14	39	55	30
Bromyard Twn	29	8	2	19	50	93	26
Wellington Ams	27	4	5	18	26	73	17
Tipton Twn	29	0	4	25	14	120	4

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shifnal Twn	26	19	3	4	62	31	60
AFC Ludlow	25	17	3	5	75	29	54
St Martins	27	15	2	10	68	55	47
Hereford LC	21	14	4	3	48	20	46
Darlaston Twn	25	11	6	8	61	44	39
Kington Twn	24	11	5	8	51	46	38
Wem Twn	24	12	1	11	61	51	37
Wednesfield	21	10	6	5	39	26	36
F C Stafford	24	10	6	8	46	43	36
Shenstone Path	22	9	0	13	36	45	27
Trysull	21	8	2	11	25	31	26
Wrens Nest	22	7	4	11	36	57	25
Bustleholme	25	7	4	14	44	71	25
Team Dudley	22	7	3	12	44	56	24
Wyrley	24	5	7	12	39	55	22
Worcs Raiders	21	6	2	13	47	66	20
Penncroft	22	4	7	11	38	59	19
Bartestree	26	5	3	18	33	68	18

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport Twn	21	17	2	2	79	35	53
W'Ton Utd	23	13	4	6	51	46	43
Old Wulfs	17	12	1	4	48	18	37
Telford Jnrs	24	9	9	6	52	36	36
Powick Rgrs	19	9	5	5	46	29	32
Warstone Wdrs	17	9	3	5	62	46	30
Malvern Tn U21	19	7	5	7	42	37	26
Bilbrook F C	18	7	3	8	28	43	24
Red Star Alma	17	6	4	7	44	42	22
Tipton Yth AFC	22	6	3	13	54	60	21
Wonder Vaults	15	5	3	7	26	32	18
Tividale Res	17	5	3	9	41	50	18
Sikh Hunters	19	5	4	10	39	7316	*
Gornal Colts	19	4	2	13	44	69	14
Wrens Nest Res	21	3	3	15	26	66	12

Shrewsbury Sunday Lge

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cruckton Rvrs	13	9	2	2	44	18	29
Instones Utd	10	9	1	0	39	15	28
Rock Rvrs Yth	10	6	2	2	34	25	20
Loppington	10	5	0	5	32	29	15
The Gates	12	4	3	5	23	22	15
Coton Rvrs	11	2	4	5	23	32	10
Kinnerley	11	2	3	6	29	32	9
Pontesbury	8	3	0	5	12	24	9
SAHA	10	2	2	6	18	35	8
Compasses	11	1	3	7	24	46	6

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Athletico Mkt	13	9	2	2	48	25	29
P'cock C'thians	14	9	1	4	49	26	28
C'dover Foxes	12	7	1	4	36	27	22
Bagley Sports	12	6	2	4	25	25	20
Anchor Inn	14	6	2	6	40	43	20
Beacon	11	6	0	5	29	23	18
Norbury	8	4	1	3	19	14	13
Coracle AFC	8	2	1	5	16	40	7
Rock Rvrs	12	1	2	9	27	38	5
Minsterley	12	1	2	9	22	50	5

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radbrook	10	8	1	1	33	14	25
Unison	10	7	2	1	29	15	23
Red Barne	9	6	2	1	32	14	20
Telegraph	8	6	1	1	36	12	19
Crwn Coleham	12	6	1	5	30	37	19
Steam Wagon	10	5	0	5	25	29	15
Belvidere	12	3	0	9	25	32	9
Brockton Rvrs	10	2	1	7	22	38	7
Boars Head	9	1	1	7	17	32	4
SAHA Yth	10	1	1	8	15	41	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
White Lion	10	8	2	0	37	11	26
Reman Yth	11	6	1	4	26	21	19
Snailbeach	8	5	1	2	32	14	16
Castlefields	11	5	1	5	21	23	16
D'stone Heath	11	5	1	5	30	37	16
Onslow	11	5	0	6	40	46	15
Bull In Barne	10	4	1	5	20	31	13
Nags Head	10	2	2	6	29	39	8
Beeches	12	2	1	9	21	34	7

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dun Cow	16	12	1	3	62	30	37
Bomere Heath	12	12	0	0	76	15	36
Saddlers	11	8	2	1	48	29	26
Crwn A F'gate	15	7	2	6	41	34	23
Old PO Wem	14	6	3	5	45	31	21
Harlescott SC	11	5	2	4	28	29	17
Dolphin AFC	11	3	4	4	29	35	13
Anchor F'well	12	3	3	6	28	44	12
Unicorn	14	3	0	11	31	55	9
Monkmoor Utd	12	2	1	9	23	67	7
Wheatsheaf	14	1	0	13	20	62	3

Sportsjam Regional League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
FC Oswestry	23	18	3	2	83	31	57
Allscott	23	15	2	6	87	27	47
Childs Ercall	17	9	2	6	46	35	29
Church Stretton	21	9	2	10	43	43	29
AFC Broseley	16	8	4	4	41	26	28
Wroxeter Rvrs	16	8	2	6	46	40	26
Rock Rvrs	14	8	2	4	33	31	26
FC Hodnet	17	7	4	6	29	26	25
B'north Res	18	7	4	7	33	38	25
Oakengates Ath	19	7	2	10	37	45	23
Madeley Sports	19	6	1	12	28	49	19
W'wardine Wd	20	4	4	12	27	61	16
Prees	20	4	3	13	25	65	15
Shifnal Utd 97	21	4	1	16	27	68	13

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stoke Heath 1st	12	10	0	2	38	16	30
Clee Hill Utd	11	8	0	3	46	18	24
Gobowen Celtic	12	7	1	4	36	30	22
Bishops Castle	11	5	1	5	41	31	16
AFC Wellington	9	5	0	4	21	21	15
O'gates Rgrs	12	2	0	10	16	40	6
Brown Clee	11	1	0	10	15	57	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Claverley	15	12	2	1	61	14	38
Madeley Sp Res	15	12	1	2	69	18	37
Craven Arms	18	10	2	6	53	41	32
Coven Utd	16	10	1	5	44	24	31
St Martins Res	14	7	1	6	44	29	22
Riverside	13	7	1	5	33	25	22
Broseley Res	13	5	2	6	21	33	17
Albrighton Jnrs	15	5	0	10	51	37	15
Randlay Casuals	12	3	1	8	28	29	10
Oswestry Res	15	3	1	11	35	65	10
Denso	16	1	0	15	11	135	3

Telford Sunday League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay Utd	7	7	0	0	35	5	21
Shifnal Royals	8	5	0	3	32	24	15
Cressage	6	4	1	1	20	11	13
Shifnal Nth End	9	2	2	5	13	31	8
Shifnal E'peans	7	2	1	4	18	24	7
Barley	9	0	2	7	16	39	2

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'wardine Wd	13	10	2	1	46	21	32
C'port O'gates	15	8	3	4	49	31	27
Celtic Spartans	13	7	2	4	44	33	23
Bulls Hd DB Vets	12	5	2	5	36	31	17
Dawley Social	13	5	1	7	22	34	16
Riverside	9	4	1	4	11	15	13
Lord Hill Mkt D	15	3	2	10	32	48	11
Honeysuckle	11	4	0	7	28	4411	*
Malt Shovel	11	2	3	6	18	29	9

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dawley Wdr Vets	14	12	0	2	63	20	36
Travellers Joy	12	10	1	1	49	19	31
Cosford Utd	15	8	5	2	49	22	29
Bridgnorth Ath	9	8	0	1	52	14	23
Ironbrige	11	7	1	3	38	20	22
White Horse Ath	14	6	4	4	40	35	22
Hare & Hnds	15	5	0	10	24	51	15
W'dine W Jnrs	12	3	4	5	20	38	13
Rose/Crn Stirch	16	2	2	12	29	60	8
Telford Rgrs	17	2	2	13	25	81	8
Lawley	15	2	1	12	25	54	7

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	26	16	9	1	61	16	57
Bala Town	26	13	9	4	42	22	48
MBi Llandudno	27	13	6	8	44	34	45
Gap Connah's	27	12	3	12	42	35	39
Airbus UK	27	11	5	11	36	42	38
Newtown	27	9	7	11	35	44	34
Bangor City	27	11	4	12	37	40	37
Carmarthen	26	11	4	11	37	45	37
Aberystwyth	27	10	6	11	39	42	36
Port Talbot	26	7	7	12	27	46	28
Rhyl	26	3	11	12	25	38	20
Haverfordwest	26	5	5	16	22	43	20

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knighton	19	15	1	3	57	15	46
Penrhyncoch	17	14	3	0	47	18	45
Carno	18	12	1	5	39	15	37
Llanrhaeadr	18	11	2	5	51	32	35
Hay St Mary	18	10	1	7	53	40	31
Welshpool	23	9	3	11	32	41	30
Ll'dod Wells	18	8	1	9	28	31	25
Bow Street	21	8	1	12	33	48	25
Llanidloes	21	8	1	12	32	47	25
Waterloo	20	7	2	11	32	41	23
Tywyn B'crug	20	7	1	12	42	55	22
Aberaeron	18	6	3	9	27	39	21
Machynlleth	18	6	2	10	34	49	20
Montgomery	21	1	4	16	15	51	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Berriew	18	16	1	1	68	17	49
Kerry	21	15	0	6	88	27	45
Aberystwyth Un	20	14	2	4	63	31	44
Builth Wells	22	13	2	7	52	36	41
Radnor Valley	21	13	0	8	56	35	39
Borth Utd	20	10	4	6	47	33	34
Churchstoke	24	10	3	11	57	53	33
Bettws	21	9	6	6	40	45	33
Abermule	19	10	1	8	39	44	31
Presteigne	23	6	5	12	37	65	23
N'bridge-o-Wye	22	7	1	14	35	78	19
Four Crosses	24	5	3	16	41	91	18
Dyffryn Banw	18	4	3	11	28	39	15
Bont	19	4	1	14	19	51	13
Penybont	20	3	2	15	28	53	11

GRAHAM THORPE, the former England star, proved an entertaining guest as Shelton Cricket Club, looking forward to life back in the Shropshire County League's premier division, held a sportsman's evening at the Greenhous Meadow.

Thorpe, who averaged more than 44 with the bat in playing 100 Tests for England, also represented his country in 82 One Day Internationals.

He also served Surrey, his only club, for 17 years, and recently returned from South Africa in his role of batting coach for the England one day side.

Thorpe shared a host of stories from his illustrious career and also took part in a question and answer session with Stuart Dunn, the host of Friday night's event.

Proceeds from the evening, which also included an auction, will be shared between Shelton - the club are excited by the impending construction of a new pavilion at their Shrewsbury ground - and the Severn Hospice.

■ Pictured: Former England star Graham Thorpe, second right, with, from left, Richard Timmis, Shelton committee member and organiser of last Friday's dinner, joint club chairs Matt Cadwallader and Jan Griffiths and, right, first team captain Mark Davies.

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcester	21	17	1	3	87	46	52
L'borough Town	21	15	4	2	63	35	49
Barton	21	14	3	4	93	61	45
Old Halesonians	21	10	1	10	50	45	31
Bridgnorth	21	9	3	9	57	52	30
Edgbaston	21	7	5	9	49	64	26
Burton	21	7	4	10	59	75	25
Sikh U (Notts)	21	6	5	10	70	76	23
Cov & N W'wick	21	6	4	11	52	61	22
Sutton Coldfield	21	6	4	11	66	81	22
Telford & Wrekin	21	5	3	13	57	79	18
Hampton-in-Ard	21	3	5	13	58	86	14

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warwick	19	16	3	0	80	30	51
Warwick Uni	19	15	1	3	94	31	46
Finchfield	19	14	2	3	77	47	44
Chesterfield	19	10	2	7	69	55	32
Stratford	19	8	6	5	59	43	30
Coalville	19	7	4	8	60	52	25
Shrewsbury	20	7	3	10	59	71	24
Old Silhillians	19	5	4	10	63	82	19
Leicester	19	5	1	13	49	72	16
Melton	19	3	2	14	35	75	11
South Notts	19	1	0	18	34	121	3

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Streetly	21	15	2	4	75	42	47
Sikh U (Cov'try)	21	14	2	5	95	57	44
Bloxwich	21	14	2	5	74	44	44
Market Drayton	21	12	4	5	70	47	40
Wednesbury	21	12	1	8	68	46	37
Aldridge & Wal	21	11	2	8	54	45	35
Ludlow	21	11	2	8	68	61	35
Bromsgrove	21	8	4	9	70	77	28
Solihull B'field	21	6	2	13	46	76	20
K Heath P'wick	21	4	3	14	39	83	15
Old Wulfrunians	21	2	4	15	31	64	10
Wolverhampton	21	2	2	17	31	79	8

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford	17	15	2	0	96	16	47
West Bromwich	18	14	0	4	79	27	42
Leamington	17	13	1	3	80	34	40
Redditch	17	12	1	4	59	28	37
Pershore	17	6	3	8	46	55	21
Evesham	17	7	1	9	37	55	19*
Droitwich Spa	17	4	1	12	32	59	13
Newtown	18	4	4	10	24	64	13*
Yardley	17	1	4	12	19	60	7
Blank	0	0	0	0			0
Blank	0	0	0	0			0
Barlaston	17	1	1	15	15	89	-2*

2nd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stourport	19	16	0	3	73	37	48
Worcester	19	14	2	3	75	24	44
Harborne	19	14	2	3	79	38	43*
Edgbaston	19	10	3	6	68	44	33
Stratford	19	8	2	9	46	59	26
Warwick	18	7	3	8	55	46	24
Bournville	19	7	3	9	39	42	24
Hampton-in-Ard	18	6	3	9	44	56	21
North Stafford	20	5	5	10	32	47	20
Shrewsbury	19	3	1	15	26	86	10
Stafford	19	2	0	17	37	95	6

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	18	16	1	1	85	19	49
Stone	19	15	0	4	79	44	43*
Telford & Wrekin	18	12	3	3	70	26	39
Bloxwich	18	10	3	5	52	36	33
Old Halesonians	19	8	4	7	55	36	28
Finchfield	18	9	1	8	45	42	28
Old Silhillians	19	6	5	8	45	42	23
Aldridge & Wal	19	7	2	10	45	53	23
Market Drayton	19	4	4	11	28	49	16
Solihull B'field	19	3	1	15	21	74	10
Wolverhampton	18	0	0	18	10	114	0

West Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	20	18	0	2	104	18	54
Streetly	19	13	2	4	64	27	41
Old Wulfrunians	19	11	3	5	65	24	36
Bromsgrove	19	11	2	6	68	42	35
Redditch	19	12	2	5	60	41	35*
Wednesbury	19	9	2	8	40	49	29
K Heath P'wick	19	7	3	9	40	54	24
Droitwich Spa	19	5	4	10	32	55	19
Ludlow	19	4	3	12	26	69	15
Blank	0	0	0	0			0
Pershore	19	2	2	15	17	82	-4*
Evesham	19	1	1	17	11	66	-5*

3rd Team League

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury	21	21	0	0	111	27	63
Bridgnorth	21	14	5	2	75	26	47
Stratford	21	12	3	6	74	47	39
Old Halesonians	21	11	4	6	55	51	37
North Stafford	21	8	5	8	44	42	29
Wednesbury	21	9	2	10	60	69	29
Hampton-in-Ard	21	7	5	9	52	53	26
Telford & Wrek	21	8	2	11	31	56	26
Stafford	21	5	4	12	34	57	19
Bloxwich	21	4	5	12	18	53	17
Bromsgrove	21	5	2	14	42	78	17
Aldridge & Wal	21	3	1	17	26	63	7*

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Finchfield	19	16	3	0	99	13	51
Stone	19	13	2	4	81	36	41
West Bromwich	18	12	3	3	69	28	39
Old Wulfrunians	19	10	4	5	41	31	34
Redditch	19	6	6	7	34	40	24
Leamington	19	6	4	9	33	48	22
Streetly	19	6	2	11	28	43	17*
Solihull B'field	20	6	2	12	32	63	17*
Market Drayton	19	6	2	11	23	57	17*
Wolverhampton	18	2	2	14	17	75	5*
Blank	0	0	0	0			0
Droitwich Spa	19	6	0	13	33	56	-3*

Central League

North West 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth IV	17	13	2	2	68	20	41
Finchfield IV	17	12	0	5	57	37	36
Cannock VII	17	11	1	5	48	36	34
O W'runians IV	18	11	0	7	49	35	33
Shrewsbury IV	17	10	1	6	39	36	31
Nrth Stafford IV	17	10	0	7	39	35	30
Bridgnorth V	17	5	3	9	26	36	18
T'ford & Wrek IV	17	3	5	9	24	36	14
Sutt Coldfield VII	17	1	4	12	22	54	7
Stafford IV	18	2	0	16	13	60	6

North West 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lichfield V	15	15	0	0	98	14	45
Wednesbury IV	15	11	0	4	58	26	33
West Brom IV	15	9	0	6	57	31	24*
Leek VI	15	8	0	7	28	28	24
Stone IV	15	7	1	7	42	61	22
Lichfield VI	15	8	0	7	49	37	18*
O Wulfrunians V	15	4	1	10	21	46	13
Sutt Coldfield IX	15	3	0	12	10	56	6*
Stafford V	14	1	0	13	7	71	3

Midlands Women's Hockey League

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
L'mington 1st XI	17	15	1	1	62	12	46
Uni of Brum III	17	9	6	2	44	27	33
E'baston 1st XI	17	8	3	6	30	30	27
Shrewsbury I	17	8	2	7	41	34	26
North Notts I	17	6	5	6	38	35	23
L'borough Stu II	17	7	2	8	36	42	23
Cannock II	17	6	4	7	21	27	22
Olt & W War II	17	5	1	11	32	48	16
Towcester I	17	3	4	10	25	43	13
N Staffs HC I	17	2	4	11	26	57	10

Midlands Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stone 1st XI	17	12	3	2	66	25	39
Lichfield 2nd XI	17	11	4	2	48	24	37
Harborne 2nd XI	17	11	2	4	60	26	35
T'ford & Wrek I	17	10	2	5	68	41	32
Uttoxeter 1st XI	17	9	4	4	55	36	31
Stratford I	17	9	3	5	44	31	30
B'dgnorth 1st XI	17	4	1	12	29	71	13
Shrewsbury II	17	2	5	10	21	41	11
Cannock III	17	2	1	14	14	58	7
Worcester II	17	1	3	13	21	73	3*

* = points adjustments

Shropshire Ladies Hockey

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth II	20	17	2	1	102	13	53
Wem/MD I	20	16	3	1	134	13	51
Montgomery	20	12	2	6	54	26	38
T'ford & Wrek II	20	9	1	10	46	40	28
Ludlow & Wen I	20	6	2	12	26	90	20
Shrewsbury III	20	5	4	11	28	55	19
Wem/MD II	20	3	3	14	21	56	12
L'dlow & Wen II	20	3	1	16	9	127	10

Wrekin Shortmat Bowls League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ketley Bank B	14	10	0	4	200	98	20
Newport C G B	14	9	0	5	166	101	18
Newport C G A	14	7	0	7	136	147	14
Madeley Crt B	14	6	1	7	168	138	13
Newport C G C	13	6	0	7	133	134	12
Telford B	13	6	0	7	97	165	12
St. Georges A	14	5	0	9	131	198	10
Broseley Vic A	12	4	1	7	105	155	9

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Georges C	14	10	0	4	176	132	20
Broseley Vic B	14	9	0	5	167	119	18
Shrewsbury D	14	8	1	5	151	132	17
Ketley Bank D	14	8	0	6	183	132	16
Ketley Bank C	13	5	1	7	113	158	11
Dawley D	14	5	0	9	134	169	10
Newport C G D	13	5	0	8	119	177	10
Ketley Bank E	14	4	0	10	133	161	8

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Madeley Crt C	14	11	0	3	258	91	22
N' S'mat B C A	13	9	1	3	171	96	19
Newport C G E	14	9	0	5	170	145	18
Randlay A	14	8	0	6	145	121	16
Dawley C	15	8	0	7	153	158	16
Sutton Hill D	15	5	1	9	135	173	11
Dawley E	14	5	0	9	111	195	10
Sutton Hill C	14	5	0	9	122	201	10
Telford A	13	2	0	11	102	187	4

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Bulls Head B	26	130	104	51
Albion	26	132	102	50
Wendy House	26	135	99	48
Horseshoes A	26	123	111	45
White Hart	26	123	111	41
Horseshoes B	26	118	116	40
Railway B	26	114	120	40
Park Hotel	26	115	119	37
White Horse FR	26	115	119	37
Talbot	26	116	118	36
Bulls Head A	26	110	124	35
Rec Club	26	110	124	33
Railway A	26	101	133	27
White Horse WW	26	96	138	26

Telford Snooker League

Heath Hill Building & Roofing Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Shifnal B	21	19	2	85	20
Maddocks A	21	18	3	73	32
Dawley A	21	15	6	69	36
Eden A	21	13	8	61	44
Hadley A	21	12	9	59	46
Shifnal E	21	12	9	59	46
Broseley A	21	10	11	55	50
Hadley B	21	10	11	54	51
Bayley E	21	12	9	51	54
Bayley B	21	8	13	43	62
Maddocks E	21	6	15	36	69
Maddocks C	21	4	17	34	71
Maddocks D	21	5	16	28	77
Newport B	21	3	18	28	77

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Eden G	19	16	3	69	26
Shifnal F	20	14	6	68	32
Dawley B	19	15	4	61	34
Bayley D	19	15	4	59	36
Eden Elite	19	13	6	59	36
Bayley Cue	20	10	10	56	44
Anstice B (Dawley)	19	11	8	52	43
2nd Club A	20	12	8	50	50
Shifnal D	19	8	11	44	51
Maddocks F	19	5	14	36	59
Allscott	20	5	15	31	69
Bayley Z	19	2	17	28	67
Bayley Lads	20	0	20	17	83

Shrewsbury Quiz League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cross Foxes	15	11	0	41123970			22
Prce of Wales A	15	10	1	410871078			21
Belle Vue Tav B	15	9	0	610871080			18
Bicton B	15	7	2	610151058			16
Dog & Pheasant	14	7	1	6	980	963	15
Cock Inn	14	7	0	7	980	966	14
Prce of Wales B	11	5	0	6	767	768	10
Unison Club	14	5	0	9	955	981	10
Bicton A	15	4	2	910081071			10
Belle Vue Tav A	16	4	0	1211071124			08

Darwin Glass & Glazing Shrewsbury & District Darts League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock C	24	15	7	2	126	66	37
Beacon B	23	16	5	2	119	65	37
Masonic A	24	16	4	4	123	69	36
Crown A/F A	24	14	6	4	116	76	34
Belvidere A	24	12	5	7	110	82	29
Heathgates A	22	11	5	6	95	81	27
Beacon A	24	9	6	9	97	95	24
Telegraph B	23	8	7	8	92	92	23
W'sheaf F/W A	23	5	8	10	84	100	18
Comp Dith FC	24	5	7	12	85	107	17
BITB A	24	6	5	13	73	119	17
Coach	24	4	8	12	83	109	16
(R) Beeches	23	2	4	17	61	123	8
(R) AIHG	24	1	5	18	55	136	7

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P)Ch Darwin	24	14	8	2	115	77	36
(P)Eagles (cres)	24	14	7	3	115	77	35
R Oak B (rock)	24	13	6	5	116	76	32
Admiral Duncan	23	11	5	7	102	82	27
7 Stars	24	10	7	7	99	93	27
Comp Dith B	24	9	6	9	94	98	24
Onlsow	23	9	5	9	93	93	23
Masonic B	21	9	5	7	82	86	23
POW	24	8	4	12	89	102	20
Grove	24	6	8	10	89	103	20
Comp Dith A	22	4	9	9	82	93	17
Crown A/F B	20	6	3	11	73	87	15
R Lion B/Heath	23	3	6	14	71	113	12
Bull C/Foregate	22	4	3	15	67	109	11

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P)Inn on Green	20	13	4	3	97	63	30
Telegraph C	20	10	7	3	90	70	27
Coracle A	20	11	4	5	92	68	26
Red Barn	20	10	4	6	91	69	24
Belvidere B	20	8	5	7	84	76	21
Woodman B	20	6	8	6	81	79	20
Woodman A	20	6	7	7	76	84	19
Comp Dith C	21	5	8	8	79	89	18
Rock A	21	7	4	10	78	90	18
Steam Wagon	20	4	6	10	72	88	14
(R) Bagley Club	20	3	7	10	66	94	13
(R) Comp B/Hill	20	4	4	12	62	98	12

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(C) Monkmoor	24	20	3	1	123	69	43
X Foxes	24	15	4	5	117	75	34
BVT A	24	14	5	5	106	86	33
Brooklands	24	14	5	5	106	86	33
Hare & Hounds	24	8	10	6	101	91	26
HSC C	24	10	5	9	101	91	25
Salopian Bar	24	9	6	9	91	101	24
Coracle B	24	8	6	10	95	97	22
Dog in Lane A	24	8	6	10	93	99	22
Harry Hotspur	24	5	8	11	86	106	18
Boars Head	24	5	7	12	88	104	17
Brick A/F	24	7	3	14	84	108	17
Bell X Houses	24	4	5	15	81	111	13
(R)Cress Club	24	3	3	18	72	120	9

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P)N Inn (Had)	24	16	7	1	131	61	39
(P)Reabrook SC	24	15	8	1	120	72	38
Plough Ponts	24	14	5	5	111	81	33
Crwn & Scepter	24	14	4	6	111	81	32
Hop & Friar	24	12	6	6	107	85	30
AMF Bowling	24	11	5	8	100	90	27
BITB B	24	9	7	8	101	91	25
HSC A	24	10	4	10	89	103	24
Telegraph A	24	8	4	12	90	102	20
HSC B	24	5	8	11	84	108	18
Condover Club	24	2	10	12	83	109	14
Telepost	24	3	7	14	72	120	13
Dog in Lane B	24	1	10	13	71	121	12
Bird in Hand	24	3	5	16	74	118	11

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
(P)Corbett Arms	21	18	0	3	126	42	36
(P)Comp Ladies	21	16	3	2	116	52	35
Heathgates 40S	21	14	4	3	111	57	32
Dolphin	21	12	5	4	102	66	29
BVT B	21	10	6	5	85	83	26
Masonic C	21	8	4	9	82	86	20
Saddlers	21	8	2	11	84	84	18
Crwn C/Ham A	22	8	2	12	81	95	18
Crwn C/Ham B	21	6	4	11	75	93	16
W'sheaf F/W B	21	6	3	12	69	99	15
Wingfield Arms	22	5	3	14	72	104	13
Britannia	21	0	1	20	22	146	1

English Rugby Clubs

National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Macclesfield	22	19	0	3	709	363	94
Sedgley Park	22	15	0	7	595	419	76
Stourbridge	24	15	1	8	492	368	74
Leicester Lns	24	16	1	7	433	377	73
Caldy	24	13	2	9	509	430	70
Otley	23	13	0	10	452	445	64
Harrogate	22	12	0	10	469	431	59
Chester	24	10	0	14	482	471	55
Preston Grass	23	9	3	11	447	456	52
Luctonians	22	10	1	11	428	530	50
Tynedale	24	9	0	15	485	617	49
Sandal	23	10	0	13	366	453	48
Sth Leicester	23	8	2	13	507	593	48
Sale	23	8	2	13	449	562	46
Broadstreet	24	7	0	17	450	585	38
Huddersfield	23	5	0	18	362	535	27

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hinckley	22	19	1	2	630	283	94
Scunthorpe	22	19	0	3	645	297	90
Old Hales	22	16	0	6	551	339	79
Nuneaton	22	13	0	9	492	371	62
P'borough Lns	22	12	0	10	470	374	54
Bromsgrove	22	11	0	11	460	571	53
Syston	22	10	0	12	422	482	53
B'ham/Solihull	22	10	0	12	398	418	51
Longton	22	9	1	12	439	474	50
Lichfield	22	8	0	14	467	508	47
Sandbach	22	9	0	13	430	454	46
Old N'tonians	22	7	0	15	363	558	37
N'port, Salop	22	7	0	15	370	604	33
Sutton C'field	22	3	0	19	346	750	18

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bridgnorth	21	17	2	2	546	272	86
Bournville	22	15	0	7	698	548	77
S'ford U Avon	22	15	0	7	623	406	76
Worcs Wdrs	22	12	2	8	499	422	63
Hereford	19	13	1	5	406	329	61
Burton	22	12	0	10	548	437	61
Stoke on Trent	21	11	1	9	477	391	56
Whitchurch	22	11	1	10	349	415	55
Kenilworth	22	10	0	12	501	520	55
Dudley Kings	22	8	2	12	578	474	50
Crewe/N'wich	22	8	1	13	416	503	46
Leek	22	5	2	15	391	577	31
Silhillians	22	5	0	17	390	647	29
Walsall	21	3	0	18	276	757	16

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moseley Oak	17	17	0	0	790	173	83
Old Saltleians	18	15	0	3	513	236	69
W'ton	18	13	0	5	576	205	67
Camp Hill	18	13	0	5	546	269	67
Kidderminster	18	9	1	8	480	365	49
Stafford	18	10	0	8	284	388	44
S'bridge Lns	17	8	0	9	435	368	41
Veseyans	18	7	1	10	239	430	33
Old Yardleians	18	6	0	12	353	405	32
Shrewsbury	18	6	0	12	334	480	31
Handsworth	18	2	0	16	242	789	12
Harborne	18	0	0	18	161	845	3

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tamworth	18	16	0	2	579	140	77
N'castle, Staffs	18	14	0	4	595	246	68
Ludlow	18	13	0	5	707	342	63
Clee Hill	18	12	0	6	382	223	58
Cleobury M	18	12	0	6	491	221	56
Edwardians	18	7	1	10	352	401	38
Cannock	18	8	0	10	323	425	35
Willenhall	18	7	0	11	285	453	32
Burntwood	18	6	0	12	316	456	30
Eccleshall	18	6	2	10	225	398	27
Wednesbury	18	5	0	13	177	475	22
Bloxwich	18	0	1	17	196	848	10

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uttoxeter	15	13	0	2	493	231	63
Barton-U-N'wd	15	12	0	3	370	205	56
Telford Hornets	16	11	1	4	364	153	55
Bromyard	17	9	1	7	429	274	52
Rugeley	15	8	0	7	404	205	44
Bishops Castle	15	7	1	7	184	203	34
Yardley/Dist	17	7	0	10	309	324	33
Aston OE	16	6	1	9	233	354	31
Church Stretton	15	4	1	10	247	466	24
Aldridge	17	5	1	11	200	442	23
Market Drayton	16	2	0	14	174	550	10

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Essington	15	14	0	1	443	175	66
St Leonards	16	12	0	4	467	220	61
Greyhound	16	6	2	8	350	326	38
Stourport	15	8	1	6	263	204	37
Tenbury	15	6	1	8	198	223	32
Chaddesley C	15	4	0	11	260	351	21
Warley	16	1	2	13	109	591	8

Northern Division Cheshire (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manchester M	19	16	0	3	758	169	80
Oswestry	19	17	0	2	550	155	77
Dukinfield	19	13	0	6	592	348	65
V'bonds IOM	18	12	1	5	613	304	61
Marple	19	12	1	6	546	291	61
Heaton Moor	18	9	1	8	413	272	50
Eagle	16	9	1	6	380	387	47
Trentham	18	6	1	11	399	457	36
Moore	18	6	1	11	352	572	33
Ramsey IOM	15	5	0	10	294	300	27
Congleton	18	5	0	13	230	515	22
Linley	19	3	0	16	204	811	16
Knutsford	16	0	0	16	75	825	-10

Shrewsbury Snooker Lge

Division One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stanton A	18	15	3	62	28	66
Harlescott F	18	12	6	57	33	58
Harlescott A	17	14	3	57	28	58
Harlescott C	17	11	6	50	35	50
Unison D	16	11	5	47	33	48
Beaconsfield B	17	8	9	42	43	42
Meole Brace F	16	8	8	41	39	40
Beaconsfield A	17	6	11	36	49	36
Harlescott B	17	4	13	32	53	32
Wem USC	17	4	13	25	60	25
Meole Brace A	18	1	17	23	68	22

Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Harlescott E	16	10	6	50	30	50
Harlescott D	17	13	4	49	36	50
Bagley B	17	12	5	49	36	48
Preston B'hurst A	17	11	6	46	39	46
Old Shrewsbury A	18	8	10	46	44	46
Meole D	17	10	7	49	36	47
Bagley C	18	9	9	44	46	43
Harlescott G	17	6	11	38	47	38
Unison E	17	6	11	36	49	36
Meole H	18	5	13	36	54	36
Bagley A	16	3	13	27	53	26

Division Three

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Meole Brace G	16	13	3	56	24	54
Unison C	16	12	4	48	32	48
Wem Utd B	15	8	7	45	30	45
Wem Cons A	15	8	7	45	30	45
Meole Brace B	16	11	5	46	34	44
Church Stretton A	15	8	7	40	35	39
Meole Brace E	17	5	12	37	48	35
Beaconsfield C	14	6	8	28	42	28
Harlescott Z	14	5	9	24	46	24
Harlescott H	17	1	16	18	62	18

Bets.co.uk Newport Singles League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colin Pink	18	10	8	0	28	8	28
Ant Heathcote	17	12	3	2	27	7	27
Andy Lewis	17	8	7	2	23	11	23
Greg Heathcote	16	8	6	2	22	10	22
Ed Keenan	17	8	6	3	22	12	22
Scott Smith	17	8	6	3	22	12	22
Anthony Allen	17	6	8	3	20	14	20
Ben Longstaff	18	8	3	7	19	17	19
Mick Hughes	17	7	5	5	19	15	19
Paul Lucas	17	7	5	5	19	15	19
Greg Quinn	18	6	7	5	19	17	19
Phil Prinold	17	7	4	6	18	16	18
Luke Jones	17	6	5	6	17	17	17
Russel Porter	16	4	7	5	15	17	15
Stu Morrey	18	4	6	8	14	22	14
Charlie Hayward	17	4	5	8	11	21	13
Adam Stone	17	4	4	9	12	22	12
Jack Jones	17	3	4	10	10	24	10
Mike Jones	17	3	4	10	10	24	10
Alex Davidson	17	2	5	10	9	25	9
Dave Bristow	17	1	7	9	9	25	9
Jason Lloyd	17	2	5	10	9	23	8

Marston's Newport & District Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stag Mkt. Dray	17	16	0	1	85	17	32
Newport Legion	17	15	0	2	81	21	30
Suth'land Arms	16	12	3	1	64	32	27
H'suckle Harr	17	11	3	3	66	36	25
King's Head A	17	10	3	4	63	39	23
H'suckle Hawks	17	8	4	5	63	39	20
WWFC	16	10	0	6	55	41	20
Wheatsheaf	17	7	3	7	45	57	15*
Junction A	16	5	3	8	42	54	13
Horns Gnosall	17	5	4	8	45	57	12*
Junction B	17	4	4	9	41	61	12
Haberdashers	17	4	3	10	43	59	11
Pheasant	16	3	3	10	32	64	7*
King's Head B	17	2	4	11	33	69	6*
Shakespeare	17	1	1	15	22	80	3
Royal Navy Club	17	1	2	14	24	78	2*

*Horns, Pheasant, King's Head B, Wheatsheaf and Royal Navy Club deducted two points for missing a fixture

Marston's Newport Pool Plate League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wheatsheaf	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Junction A	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Pheasant	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Horns Gnosall	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Shakespeare	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Haberdashers	2	0	1	1	3	9	1
King's Head B	2	0	1	1	3	9	1
Royal Navy Club	2	0	0	2	1	11	0

Corvedale Domino League Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Outsiders	20	14	4	2	101	59	30
Dragon	20	14	4	2	94	66	30
Swan	21	9	4	8	90	78	26
Insiders	20	8	6	6	84	76	22
BurwayB	20	7	6	7	84	76	21
Longville	20	7	7	6	77	83	20
Tally	21	8	10	3	79	89	19
Boyne	21	6	8	7	77	91	19
Bantams	21	6	9	6	83	85	18
Sun	20	7	10	3	75	85	17
THS	20	5	9	6	76	84	16
BurwayA	20	6	12	2	69	91	14
Stars	20	5	11	6	67	93	12

Bridgnorth Dominoes

League 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Malt Shovel B	18	11	5	2	88	56	27
Fosters A	18	10	7	1	84	60	27
Golden Lion	18	8	5	5	77	67	21
Chelmarsh SC A	18	8	4	6	77	67	20
Goldens	18	6	5	7	71	73	17
AFC A	18	5	7	6	69	75	17
Islanders	18	3	8	7	66	78	14
Alveley S.C	18	3	8	7	65	79	14
Fosters B	18	6	1	11	63	81	13
Worfield CC	18	1	8	9	60	84	10

League 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Malt Shovel A	16	11	5	0	80	48	27
Bowling Club	16	9	4	3	70	58	22
Woodberry	16	8	3	5	71	57	19
Bylet	16	5	5	6	63	65	15
Royal Oak	16	4	7	5	60	68	15
Chelmarsh B	16	6	2	8	65	63	14
Rugby Club	16	4	4	8	59	69	12
AFC B	16	5	2	9	58	70	12
Duke of York	16	2	4	10	50	78	8

Clive & District Billiard League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Monty's	22	8	3	11	50	38	50
Marchamley	21	7	2	12	48	36	48
Wem Cons	21	10	6	5	47	37	47
Stanton	22	7	7	8	43	45	43
Preston	22	6	9	7	42	46	42
Harlescott	21	5	9	7	37	47	37
Clive	21	4	11	6	33	51	33

Landlord's Invitational Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
WWFC C	30	25	1	4	167	73	76
Elizabethan B	30	23	4	3	170	70	73
Elizabethan A	30	22	5	3	167	73	71
Horseshoes	30	20	4	6	164	76	64
WWFC B	30	19	5	6	159	81	62
WWFC Z	30	18	7	5	154	86	61
Beehive	30	16	8	6	137	103	56
Rose &Crown A	30	14	4	12	112	128	45
White Horse L/H	30	12	6	12	129	111	42
Rose & Crown B	30	12	4	14	121	119	40
R & Crwn Stirch	29	12	4	13	113	119	39
Bush B	30	11	4	15	102	138	37
Kings Head	30	10	8	12	117	123	36
Haygate A	29	9	6	14	111	121	30
Barley Mow	30	6	4	20	95	145	22
Bayley Club	30	6	4	20	89	151	22
Donnington SSC	30	4	7	19	81	159	19
Haygate B	30	5	4	21	74	166	19
Park Inn	30	5	0	25	66	174	15
Bush A	30	3	5	22	64	176	14

Oakengates Pool

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
WWFC	8	6	1	1	50	30	13
Dawley SC	8	5	2	1	50	30	12
Elizabethan	8	6	0	2	50	30	12
Horseshoes	8	5	2	1	45	35	12
Bush B	8	4	1	3	43	37	9
WWFC (B'hive)	8	3	2	3	41	39	8
Coalport	8	3	1	4	39	41	7
Park	8	3	1	4	39	41	7
Bush A	8	3	1	4	34	46	7
Dun Cow	8	1	2	5	33	47	4
White Horse WW	8	2	0	6	29	51	4
Haygate	8	0	1	7	27	53	1

Egerton's Shifnal Darts

	P	W	L	F	A	P
White Hart A	21	20	1316		125	316
Britannia	21	19	2307		130	307
Alb CCA	21	17	4280		161	280
Anvil B	21	16	5280		161	280
Shifnal FC	21	16	5268		173	268
Beehive	21	12	9247		194	247
Jaspers B	21	11	10239		202	239
Harp A	21	12	9236		205	236
Pattingham	21	11	10236		205	236
Wheatsheaf B	21	10	11209		244	209
Harp B	21	10	11208		245	208
Anvil A	21	8	13202		251	202
Bush	21	11	10202		228	202
Jaspers A	21	7	14202		251	202
Alb CC B	21	9	12200		253	200
War Memorial	21	6	15199		254	199
Alb Social	21	7	14189		264	189
White Hart B	21	7	14164		289	164
Masons	21	4	17158		295	158
Railway	20	5	15154		266	154
Wheatsheaf A	21	0	21124		317	124

Shifnal Dominoes

	P	W	L	F	A	P
War Memorial	21	14	7100		89	156
White Hart B	21	12	9105		84	153
Beehive	21	12	9101		88	149
White Hart A	21	12	9100		89	148
Shifnal A	21	10	11	95	94	135
Shifnal B	21	10	11	84	105	124
Anvil	21	9	12	86	103	122
Ladies	21	5	16	85	104	105

Gamble on the money with win at Welshpool

ON Saturday, the penultimate round of Welshpool Golf Club's Winter League was played and with a course par of 47 in this 12 hole medal play competition, Jonathan Gamble (4) won convincingly with a three-under par score of 44.

Steve Trow (12) took second place over the back 6 scoring 47 and John Owen (28) was a worthy third, also scoring 47.

With that single round to go and all to play for, there are just two potential winners. Mike Williams (7) leads the contest with 52 points from Richard Templeton (5) who has 48 points

On Sunday, the penultimate round of the club's Rabbits and Tigers, a four ball better ball Stableford, was won with a flawless demonstration of good team play by Mark Roberts (17) and Rob Williams (24) combining to birdie two holes and par the remainder. This gave them an outstanding score of 38 points from just 12 holes.

Winning second place on the back six holes were Carwyn Jones (15) and Jonathan Pierce (25) with a score of 36 points and, bringing up third were Sammy Marck (17) and Clive Jones (22) also with a score of 36 points.

Tuesday's seniors Texas Scramble was dominated by Mike Kendal, Peter Dixon, and Richie Amyes, who completed 12 holes in 39.3 shots (net) in a round that included seven birdies. Peter Sharman, Sue Jones and Phil Constable were second with a net 42.4 and 3rd was Margaret Bowen, Stan Rawlings and Maggie Cadwallader with a net 45.5.

The first seniors away day was 'Breakfast With Friends' held this year at Builth Wells Golf Club in glorious spring weather. The Seniors captain , Paul Butterworth (18) was victorious with 37 points,

Guils slip to sixth spot after defeat

GUILSFIELD'S challenge in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance suffered a setback as they lost crucial ground with a 3-1 home reverse to close rivals Denbigh Town.

Both sides went into the clash in the top four, the Guils just trailing their visitors who were ahead when Anthony Williams found the net six minutes before half time.

A second half brace from Alan Bull on 60 and 77 minutes put Denbigh out of sight before Aaron Edwards netted a consolation for the home side.

Dan Barton's side still have 10 games remaining, but are 13 points off pacesetters Caernarfon Town and nine points adrift of second placed Cefn Druids.

Llanfair United suffered a 2-0 home loss to promotion hopefuls Cefn Druids to remain in the basement dogfight.

Llanfair's third straight defeat keeps them fourth bottom, and looking over their shoulders as the battle for survival hots up.

The latest golf returns

HENLLE PARK

Individual Stableford Division 1: J M Evans 38pts (c/b); H Price 38pts; E Hughes 37pts.

Division 2: G Owen 32pts (c/b); R Grindley 32pts; A Patterson.

Ladies' Stableford (9 Holes): V Davies 21pts; P Tattersall 18pts; M Shelton 16pts.

Seniors' Seniors played their Celts v English on Tuesday 23rd February and the Celts were victorious.

HILL VALLEY

Ladies' NQ Stableford Emerald (15 Holes) Division 1: S Lockett 24pts (21); S Coupe 21pts (12); C Ellwood 20pts (24). Division 2: B Siertsema 20pts (25); C Sheard 16pts (30); S Higgs 14pts (27).

OSWESTRY

Sunday Draw For Partners Four Ball Better Ball Medal (15 Holes): A Harrison & G Huggett 53; D Potts & J Poole 54 (c/b); K Probert & C Chilles 54 (c/b); D Haycocks & G Godbold 54 (c/b).

Ladies' Draw for Partners (18 Holes): J Foster, A Colquhoun, A Davies 73pts; M Brogden, D Mottram, R Wigley 65pts; (Lady Captain) S Baxter, A Barker 64pts; M Dunbar, T Hyde, C Johnson 63pts. (9 Holes): D Bowen, P James, P Murfin 39pts; M Evans, D Hall, B Fone 36pts; S Wilson, B Bebbington, B Humphries 34pts.

The Ellesmere Titans swimmers who enjoyed success (from left): Anna Smaiil, Freya Anderson, Phoebe Townsend and head coach Alan Bircher

Titans make waves with County medals

SWIMMING by John Bridgwater

ELLESMERE College Titans underlined their credentials with another dominant showing in the Shropshire County Championships that yielded an amazing haul of gold medals and record performances.

During the two weekends of competition, the Titans swam their way to a stunning 368 medals – made up of 160 golds, 115 silver and 93 bronze.

On top of that, there were 52 county records broken in the meet, with 51 of those coming from Titans; swimmers.

Freya Anderson and Jacob Jackson both set 10 new records, and Tazmin Pugh eight (competing in just two of the four days).

There were six apiece for Charlie Hutchison and Adam Metcalfe, a hat-trick of records for Chloe Golding, with other county bests coming from Ellie Southward, Anna Smail, Phoebe Townsend. Phoebe Griffiths, Gordon Mason, Hayden Griffiths and Laura Harrison.

All these impressive facts and figures mean that the Titans now hold 124 of the 200 available Shropshire County records and are an undisputed force in in the whole Midlands region.

This claim is only reinforced with a virtual clean sweep in the end of championships awards to the top girl and top boy in each age category.

For the joint 10/11 years age group, Asha Turner-Tarr earned 113 points, and Archie Neave 118, leaving their nearest rivals 20 points adrift.

The 12-year-age group was the only one which did not end in a whitewash for the Ellesmere College Titans with Harrison Aspinall (102 points) winning for the boys.

In the 13-year group, Phoebe Townsend (134 pts) and Ellie Bainbridge (116 pts) took both first and second overall positions, while Alex Rosser-Barnett took the boys title with Luke Warren and Harry Curtis runners-up.

Highlight

It was a similar story for the 14-year-olds with Anna Smail (131 pts) totally dominant followed by fellow Titans Mimi Quinton (76 pts) and Hannah Shakeshaft (75pts).

For the boys, Charlie Hutchison (128 pts) was an easy winner followed by three Titans club mates - Dante Des Rossier, second with 104 points, Kareem Eldegwy, third on 86.5 points, while fourth was Alex Rees on 62 points.

Ellie Southward (123 pts) took the 15-year girls title followed by Freya Anderson (110pts), while for the boys Adam Metcalf (126) finished ahead of club mates Hector Pardoe (109pts), Chris Hooper (93pts) and Shaye Parfitt (87 pts).

The Titans' dominance in the 16/O Open age group is unrivalled with eventual winner being Chloe Golding (106pts).

She was followed by Olivia Gardner in second with 85 points, while third was Phoebe Griffiths (78pts), fourth Tazmin Pugh (70 points, in only two days), and fifth Laura Harrison (49).

For the boys, it was no surprise that Jacob Jackson (117 points), following a great championships, took the top boy award with club mate Hayden Griffiths (104 pts) not far behind.

Head coach Alan Bircher and founder and director of swimming Jon Pardoe were ecstatic once again with the Titans' success.

"It's great for the Titans to have been the top club for my fourth year and the club's fourth year in a row, but our expectation is to win," said Bircher.

"The meet is used to highlight areas which need to be progressed and focused on in the coming weeks. I'm really pleased that we won 11/12 top boys and girls as this is the best result we've ever had."

Double delight for Ellesmere aces

The Ellesmere College mixed team and boys side who are off to the national finals

ELLESMERE College are celebrating a double success in the AEGON Team Tennis Schools Senior Championships after two of their sides qualified for national finals.

It is the fifth successive year that the college has been represented by a squad in the national showpiece, which will this year get underway on March 23 and be held at one of the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) 19 high-performance centres in Bolton.

The 'boys' and 'mixed A' came through another tough round of qualifiers to make the Bolton Arena event and represent Ellesmere.

Both teams continued their journey towards national success by defeating old rivals such as Wilmslow High, Rydal Penrhos and Caldey Grange schools along the way.

In the regional knockout rounds, both teams played some exciting tennis against Canon Slade School on the indoor courts at Wrexham.

The boys team proved too much for their opposition and qualified by virtue of winning all of their singles matches to reach the finals.

The mixed team featured against a very strong Canon Slade team in a clash that went right to the wire.

At two matches apiece, Ellesmere held their nerve to edge through a dramatic tie-break as 10-8 winners.

Stephen Welti, coach at Ellesmere College said: "I couldn't be more proud of how the students have performed. The great strength of the competition is that it's a team event and players have worked hard together to achieve success."

The tournament is a programme of three nationally organised competitions, which allows students to play regular competitive tennis. The School Senior Championships always proves popular, with over 13,700 players taking part from some 3,000 school tennis teams.

Reserves book spot in Emrys Cup final

LLANFAIR United reserves stayed on the silver trail by reaching this year's prestigious Emrys Morgan Cup final with a 2-0 win over Dewi Stars.

First half goals from Josh Astley and Ashley Davies sealed the victory, with Llanfair now to play the winners of Cardigan and Llandysul in the final.

United dominated most of the game, especially the first half as Astley opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a terrific free kick from 25 yards out.

Ashley again went close with a few more long range strikes, while Ashley Davies and Toby Evans also had efforts saved.

However, a second goal arrived after 35 minutes when Tim Dowling slipped in Davies who took and early shot that beat the stranded Dewi Stars keeper.

Just before the break, Davies almost scored a third, but his effort from outside the area hit the post.

Trophy

In the second half, Llanfair, despite a makeshift back four, held firm in disciplined fashion, while Toby Evans, Aled Haynes and Davies all came close before Dewi Stars missed a golden opportunity to pull a goal back late on.

Llanfair's win sets up a first Emrys Morgan Cup final for the club since 1991 when they lifted the trophy for a record fourth time.

After their cup heroics, United's second string suffered a setback in their title push in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one after going down 4-3 to Abermule reserves despite replies from Toby Evans, Ross Lewis and Ash Davies.

Guilsfield Reserves, meanwhile, eased up to third spot in the Montgomeryshire League after a 4-2 away win at Llanymynech who responded through Cal Whyte and Matthew Jones.

Latham Park to host a Cup double-header

HOLDERS The New Saints will take on gap Connah's Quay in their Welsh Cup semi-final at Newtown – with their clash on Saturday, April 2 part of a double-header at Latham Park.

TNS' tie on the 3G pitch gets underway at 5.15pm, and will be screened live by S4C's Sgorio, and will follow the first semi-final between Airbus UK and Port Talbot which kicks off at 1pm

Airbus have never reached the final, but will be hoping to go one step further than last year, when they succumbed 4-2 to eventual winners TNS at the same Latham Park venue in Newtown.

Saints boss Craig Harrison's record in the Welsh Cup is excellent, having lost only one match to Bangor City in the 2012/13 season. He has guided his full-time outfit to Welsh Cup glory for the past two years in a sequence of 13 unbeaten matches.

Connah's Quay, who are a reinvigorated side under new boss Andy Morrison, will be aiming to reach their first final since they lost on penalties to Bangor City in the 1997/98 season at the Racecourse.

Sue Butler, S4C Content Commissioner Sport said: "Holding both semi-finals of the JD Welsh Cup in the same venue at Latham Park will add to the magic of the day. We are delighted that S4C will be part of the occasion."

FAW Head of Competitions Andrew Howard added; "The opportunity to host a JD Welsh Cup semi final double-header provides us with a feast of football.

"I hope the event develops a strong following amongst Welsh football fans and this decision will be vindicated by the attendances and also the standard of football on show on the excellent Latham Park surface."

Waterloo are back to winning ways again

WATERLOO ROVERS halted their long barren run in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a much needed 2-1 home success against Aberaeron.

The Welshpool side had been steadily slipping down the table having not won since defeating basement side Montgomery 1-0 away from home back on November 21.

Since then they had endured seven defeats and four postponements in the league before finally stopping the rot with last weekend's welcome success courtesy of a brace from Andrew Gwilt.

LLANRHAEADR were edged out 1-0 at home to title chasing Penrhyncoch to end their slim hopes of challenging for the league.

In their first home league game in three months, Llan had their chance through Wayne Austin, Iwan Matthews, Tom Evans and Chris Aitken.

But it was a defensive slip that proved costly in the second half when a ball found its way to Arron Lemon who nipped in to score the only goal of the game.

Despite the victory, the Roosters - who are still unbeaten in the league this season - remain one point behind Knighton Town who were 8-0 victors against Machynlleth.

With just one victory this year, WELSHPOOL's modest run of form continued as they crashed 4-1 at improving Tywyn Bryncrug who maintained their revival that earned boss Matthew Jones the first division's monthly managerial award for February.

Carno, beaten the previous week by Penrhyncoch, bounced back with a hard-fought 2-0 home win against Llandrindod Wells to move up to third, Peter Rees scoring both the goals.

MONTGOMERY, propping up the table, were downed 2-1 at Bow Street who took the spoils through Tomos Williams - who the week before fired a hat-trick against Waterloo Rovers - and Andrew Gittings.

High flying BERRIEW maintained their title push in division two by staying four points clear courtesy of a 3-0 victory away to Newbridge

Chris Carroll, Richard Davies and Rob Pritchard were on target for n a win that avenged the Rhiewsiders' only defeat of the season in the league

Kerry, in second spot, stayed firmly on the promotion trail with a 7-0 mauling away to Presteigne.

At the other end of the table, DYFFRYN BANW secured a timely 2-1 success at fellow strugglers Bont to revive hopes of escaping the basement.

They are just one place and three points behind FOUR CROSSES who continue to look over their shoulders after their 3-1 reverse to visiting Builth Wells.

Churchstoke, whose boss Julian Marsh has been named the second division manager of the month for February, were involved in a goalless deadlock at third placed Aberystwyth University.

Elsewhere, Borth United overcame Penybont 4-3 while Bettws were 4-2 victors against visitors Radnor Valley.

High-flying Ladies hit back for point

MANAGER Joe Thompson was pleased with an improved second half display despite The New Saints Ladies being frustrated in a 2-2 draw at lowly Leamington Lions in the West Midlands Women's League premier division.

Having defeated their Warwickshire rivals three times last season, the league leaders were confident of enjoying more success.

But they found their hosts a tough nut to crack and had to settle for a share of the spoils after trailing 2-1 at half-time.

Despite the draw, the Saints are still well placed at the top, one point ahead of Crusaders with a game in hand.

"It was really disappointing not to win but I was pleased with the second half performance," said manager Thompson.

"We played some good football at times but we need to ensure we play to our potential for the full 90 minutes and not just 45.

"It's gone and done now, and at the end of the day we're still unbeaten. We go again next week and hopefully put in a better performance."

Their run of success against Leamington looked to be continuing as the Saints took the lead after just four minutes when Stacey Garnham fired home her second goal in consecutive games.

The hosts then put pressure on the league leaders and the Oswestry side struggled to keep hold of the ball.

Just after the half hour mark, Leamington got their equaliser when good link-up play around the box saw the Lions slot the ball past Ceri Evans in goal.

This was only the seventh goal the Saints defence have conceded all season but a second was soon to be added for the hosts.

After the ball was lost at half way, TNS failed to deal with the advancing Lions who got into to the box before their striker was brought down by keeperi Evans. A penalty was awarded, and the Lions made no mistake from the spot.

The Saints upped their game in the second half and soon got the equaliser when substitute Laura Morris scored with her first touch to take the pressure off the league leaders.

Thompson's side then pushed for a winner, but were frustrated by the resilient Leamington defence who limited the number of chances to earn only their fifth point of the season.

The league leaders travel to Knowle Ladies on Sunday looking for three points as they bid to consolidate pole position.

Town on brink of premier league title

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

HIGH-RIDING FC Oswestry Town stand on the brink of lifting the Mercian Regional League premier division crown after notching a 4-1 success against Church Stretton at Park Hall.

The determined victory extended their lead to 10 points from second placed Allscott with just three games remaining, and in a virtually unassailable position.

Just two sides can now overhaul Town, AFC Broseley and Rock Rovers, who still have enough games in hand despite currently lying mid-table.

Town were made to work hard against a strong Stretton side, but started well and soon found their rhythm with midfielders Tommy Lewis and Olly Jones dictating the play and winger Guy Guilford causing problems for the Stretton right back.

The first chances were to fall for Jack Harris who saw a couple of efforts well saved and also had a goal ruled out for offside.

Town continued to have the better of the first half, but were unable to find a way through in a goalless first 45 minutes, and when the visitors did threaten, the home back four were holding firm.

Prolific

The second period saw Town again dominate without reward, but the deadlock was eventually broken by Harris whose 20-yard shot squirmed under the keeper.

However, the lead lasted just a few minutes when Stretton struck on the break to respond with a headed goal.

But Nick Maguire's men were not to be denied, and regained the lead with 15 minutes remaining courtesy of a fine solo goal from Dave Hartshorn, who wriggled past four Stretton players before lashing the ball past the keeper.

The last 10 minutes saw Town seal all three points when prolific striker Chris Bishop was twice sent through one-on-one to slot the ball home on both occasions to add another brace to his haul.

Town do not a have a game on Saturday, but now appear to be unstoppable at the top of the table following a couple of important wins in recent weeks.

FC Oswestry Town midfielder Tommy Lewis on the ball in the win against Stretton. *Picture: Ian Jones.*

Elsewhere, GOBOWEN CELTIC overcame Oakengates Rangers 4-2 at home in the Mercian Regional League first division Spring Cup.

Ian Heathcock gave them the lead on 15 minutes, before Sam Thomas had the visitors level at the break with a 34th minute strike.

Two goals early in the second half put Celtic in charge, with Jamie Roberts and player boss Matthew Hardy on the mark on 53 and 57 minutes.

Shaun Wray pulled one back to keep Rangers in the hunt, but Joe Pierpoint sealed the win with a fourth goal 13 minutes from time.

In division two of the Mercian League, FC Oswestry reserves were locked in a goalless deadlock away to St

Late goals decisive as St Martins are beaten

Team Dudley 2 St Martins 1

TWO late goals sentenced St Martins to a disappointing reverse at revitalised Team Dudley to dent their prospects in the West Midlands League division one.

Having defeated their hosts just a few weeks back, the Saints had their sights set on securing a swift double

However, they found their rivals up for the battle under new management as two goals in the last four minutes settled the issue on a tricky surface.

After an initial midfield stalemate, the visitors began to carve some promising openings, with Shawn Melusi chipping at the keeper while moments later Dan Graham's cross from the right just eluded Karl Bailey who also had a strike deflected for a corner.

Dudley sounded a warning when forcing Shin Miah to head a corner off the goal line, but St Martins took the lead just before half time with a low free kick from Melusi after Callum Bennett had been fouled.

However, the visitors struggled to get into the game after the break, and Team Dudley posed an increasing threat.

The home side went close to levelling on 75 minutes as a deflected strike from centre half Chris Knight rattled the bar, and moments later Ryan Spittle put his shot wide when well placed.

But Dudley struck on 86 minutes when Miles Nettleton pounced on a rebound to level, before man-of-the-match Knight ventured upfield to fire the winner four minutes later.

This sparked the Saints into life, but it was all too late as they spurned a couple of chances to level in injury time.

It was a disappointing outcome for Ryan Butcher's side who were hoping to bounce back away to the Wrens Nest on Wednesday night before hosting Penncroft in the league on Saturday.

Top two will pose big test for Ellesmere

ELLESMERE RANGERS face the top two teams in the West Midlands League Premier Division over the next fortnight – with player-coach Jamie Haynes believing it will be a useful gauge of their progress, writes STUART DUNN.

Ellesmere head to the Crown Meadow to take on second-placed AFC Bridgnorth on Saturday before making the short trip to leaders Shawbury United the following weekend.

Rangers are eighth in the table after hitting back from 3-0 down at the break to salvage a point from a 3-3 draw against Herefordshire club Wellington last weekend.

Haynes said Rangers are still targeting a top-five finish but admits they will need to be at their best in both matches. "It will be a good test and it will be a bit of a measure of where we are," he said.

Rangers showed both sides of their character against Wellington in another game at their temporary home of Shrewsbury College's 3G pitch with the club's Beech Grove ground still unavailable owing to building work.

Nothing went right for Ellesmere in the first half as they trailed 3-0. But Rangers' management got just the response they were seeking as the home side stormed back in style.

Josh Parker began the fightback before Louis Irvine further reduced the arrears from the penalty spot. Judd Ellis levelled it at 3-3 and Ellesmere were pressing for a winner until regrouping once Sean Griffiths was sent off for a second bookable offence five minutes from time.

"We asked them to go a bit more direct in the second half and get the ball in behind them," added Haynes. "It was a good response.

"In the end we were a little disappointed that we didn't win – but if you had offered us 3-3 at half-time we would have gladly taken it."

Steely New Saints closing in on title

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

HIGH fliers The New Saints moved a step closer to retaining the Dafabet Wesh Premier crown after overcoming one of their chief rivals Llandudno 2-0 at Park Hall.

Goals in each half from wingmen Jamie Mullan and Adrian Cieslewicz ensured the defending champions remain nine points clear at the top from second placed Bala Town who were 3-1 winners against gap Connah's Quay.

After being frustrated for much of the first half, Mullan made the breakthrough two minutes before the interval when latching onto Ryan Brobbel's neat flick to crash home his shot from just inside the box.

With the Saints bossing the game, that advantage was doubled just after the hour when Cieslewicz slotted in after Chris Marriott had seen his shot blocked from a well worked corner.

TNS boss Craig Harrison praised a well marshalled display against stubborn opponents, and was particularly delighted to keep another clean sheet in the league - his team's fourth in a row and 16th this season. In 26 games, they have conceded just 16 goals.

"We take pride in keeping clean sheets, which are so important, and 99 per cent of the time, teams that win the title are the ones who concede fewest goals," he said

"We are known for our flair and scoring goals which win you games, but it's clean sheets that win you titles.

"Having watched Llandudno deservedly beat Bala the other week, we knew they would be well organised, would drop deep and would be a threat on the counter.

"They would look to break quickly and take advantage of our mistakes, and in the first 20 minutes they were a threat, but after that I felt we dealt with it well.

"We pushed them further and further back, and when they did regain possession, they were in the middle third."

The Saints, who have not lost a domestic game at home since November 2012, had their chances with Aeron Edwards going close in the 17th minute when heading just over the bar with keeper Dave Roberts beaten.

Llandudno, who have impressed in their first season in the league, also had their moments, with Liam Dawson breaking forward on the half hour before curling an effort just over, while moments later James Joyce shot wide from a similar position.

But the better chances were falling at the other end, with Brobbel heading straight at keeper Roberts while Greg Draper was denied by a diving save before Mullan made the breakthrough close to the interval. The Saints never looked likely to relinquish their grip after that, underling their superiority with Cieslewicz netting a second from close range on 62 minutes.

Mike Williams was just off target in a raid for Llandudno, but the high riding hosts had opportunities to have increased their lead with Draper going close on a couple of occasions.

The New Zealand striker curled one effort just over the bar after being set up by substitute Scott Quigley, while putting another in the side netting.

Another sub Mike Wilde also went close in the latter stages, with Roberts saving, but Harrison's high fliers already had the points in the bag by then as they remained well on the way to a fifth successive crown, and record 10th in all.

Morda miss early chances

MISSED first half chances proved costly as Morda United had to settle for a 2-2 draw at home to Llanfyllin to dent their prospects in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one.

After George Turner cancelled out Zak Ward's opener for the visitors, Harry Davies put Morda ahead in the second half before Lee Morris hit back for Town 10 minutes from the end.

The reverse fixture at the start of the season saw Morda romp to a 5-0 victory, and a repeat seemed possible with the Weston Road side dominating the early play.

It was a frustrating outcome for Morda who have no league game next weekend.

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SAINTS CLOSING IN ON THE TITLE

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints have the Dafabet Welsh Premier crown firmly in their sights when they make Saturday's trip to gap Connah's Quay – the only side to defeat the league leaders this season.

The defending champions need at most seven points from their remaining five games to make absolutely sure, but six points would suffice as they have a vastly superior goal difference to their rivals.

The midweek goalless draw at second placed Bala Town took the Saints a step closer to a fifth successive league crown, and 10th in all. It was their sixth clean sheet in a row, and maintained the nine-point lead at the top.

"I think we just about shaded it, and we see it as a point gained, not two lost," said manager Craig Harrison.

"We are looking to win every game, but the important thing was that we didn't allow Bala to make any ground up on us.

"It's a tough place to come, they are on a good run of form, and the conditions were poor, it was probably the worst pitch I've seen in the Welsh Premier. After all the rain we've had this winter, the surface is now drying out and and it was so bobbly that you could hardly pass the ball five yards."

Chris Seargeant and Mike Wilde both hit the woodwork for the Saints, Wilde also had a couple of efforts disallowed for offside, while at the other end keeper Paul Harrison pulled off a terrific save to deny Mike Hayes.

The Saints quickly turn their thoughts to Saturday's visit to gap Connah's Quay who were 2-0 winners when the sides met at the Deeside Stadium back in January.

That was the only defeat that the league's pacesetters have suffered in all competitions this season, and Harrison is expecting another stern challenge against a side who also forced a goalless draw at Park Hall.

After making three changes for the midweek game at Bala, the TNS chief will again be weighing up his options for this weekend's encounter.

"I'm not a great one for thinking that you've got to keep a winning team, you pick the side you feel can get the best result," he said.

"Connah's Quay will be another tough game, they are a strong physical side, and their pitch is not the best either."

After this weekend's league encounter, the sides also meet in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup at Newtown's Latham Park on Saturday, April 2.

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Buoyant Berriew clinched their place in the quarter-finals of the Central Wales Cup with a fine 3-2 home win against Llanidloes Town in their rearranged fourth round tie.

Goals from ex Llani player Karl Seliaerts, Barry Bellis and Rich Davies set up a home tie with Llanrhaeadr in the last eight.

Before then, Dave Jones' side have some big league games to play, starting with a trip to third placed Aberystwyth University on Saturday at they look to continue their title pursuit.

Brymbo for Ainsley and wizard to Oz

LLANFAIR UNITED'S long-serving midfielder Richard Ainsley has joined Welsh National League side Brymbo – while the Cymru Alliance outfit have also confirmed that striker Ross Frame will not rejoin the club after settling in Australia.

Ainsley, 31, joined Llanfair back in March 2012 and played a huge part in earning promotion to the Cymru Alliance as well as winning three cups along the way.

He made 93 appearances in his four years at the club, winning the Spar Mid Wales League division one and division two titles as well as the division two cup and Central Wales Cup.

"Rich has been a fantastic servant for us," said boss Rhys Stephens. "He's a genuine lad who lives in Brymbo and wants to be playing regularly."

Also departing the club is goals wizard Frame who scored 45 times in as many games to help Llanfair win the Spar Mid Wales League title last season. He also scored in the final as Llanfair lifted the Montgomeryshire Cup final.

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After spending time travelling abroad, the striker has setted in Australia and now plays for Oakleigh Cannons FC who are in the tier below the Australian A-League.

"Ross has been away travelling this season, and we have been planning without him. Like Rich, we wish him well," added Stephens.

Llanfair, meanwhile, resume their quest for survival when they host Buckley Town on Saturday.

They remain fourth from bottom after last weekend's 2-0 home loss to second-placed Cefn Druids, but Stephens had nothing but praise for his side.

"We were always in the game at 1-0 down before they scored a second right at the very end," he said. "We played really well and I can't knock the lads.

"If we can put in that kind of performance and show that attitude between now to the end of the season, then we will be OK.

"We now go to Buckley on Saturday, and it won't be any easier than Druids.

"A lot of people thought we would be down and out by now, so it's fantastic we're still in there, fighting."

Timely bid as Davies aims for Olympics

FORDEN runner Andy Davies is looking in good shape after beating his personal best time in a keenly contested Trafford 10k race.

The 38-year-old finished sixth against a top-class field, but improved his personal best by a chunky 37 seconds to finish in a time of 29.13 minutes.

Davies, who represented Wales at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games two years ago, now plans to run in the Cardiff half-marathon later this month where he will again be competing for his country against some of the world's best.

He then plans to race in the London Marathon in April as he looks to stake his claim for one of the two Team GB spots for the Rio Olympics in the summer.

Howzat! Dickie Bird is in town

Former pro cricketer Ian Payne will be in conversation with Dickie Bird at Oswestry CC

DICKIE Bird OBE, the legendary international cricket umpire, is visiting Oswestry on Friday courtesy of The Jools Payne Partnership.

Dickie's talk to a sold out audience at Oswestry Cricket Club has been sponsored by the boutique PR & reputation management company, which has strong cricket connections. Director Ian Payne is a former Surrey, Gloucestershire and Shropshire all-rounder.

Ian, who is now a consultant in HR and corporate communications at the Oswestry PR agency, said: "Throughout my career as a professional cricketer, Dickie was renowned the world over as one of the top international umpires respected and held in great affection by players, officials and cricket lovers alike.

"When we caught up at the Lord's Test last year, I suggested to Dickie that he should come to Oswestry. To my delight he agreed."

Friday's 'An Evening with Dickie Bird' will be a 45-minute interview conducted by Ian followed by a Q&A session with the audience.

"Dickie has a huge catalogue of entertaining and enlightening tales of life on and off the cricket field," Ian added. "Those with tickets are in for a treat."

Barton: We need to be so ruthless

GUILSFIELD boss Dan Barton admits his side need a ruthless streak after seeing their challenge for Huws Gray Cymru Alliance honours falter.

Last weekend's 3-1 loss to close rivals Denbigh Town meant the Guils lost ground on the leading contenders, slipping to sixth in the table with 10 league games left to play.

They host Prestatyn Town on Saturday, but any lingering title aspirations appear to be over.

"I was more disappointed at the manner of the defeat than the defeat itself," said Barton. "We huffed and puffed, but it was the naivety and lack of ruthlessness that cost us again.

"It really dented our hopes of a high finish, and knocked the stuffing out of us. We just lacked the killer instinct, and we were not ruthless enough.

"We dominated the first half, but gifted them a goal, and handed them two more goals in the second half.

"With a squad of 18/19 players, I will be looking to make some changes."

Although they have games in hand, the Guils are 13 points behind leaders Caernarfon Town and nine adrift of second-placed Cefn Druids.

Midfielder Jake Cook, meanwhile, picked up the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance player of the month award for January/February.

Eagles continue to push for summit

SECOND-PLACED Oswestry look to keep up the title pressure in rugby's Cheshire South when they travel to Moore on Saturday.

With five games remaining, the Eagles are now well-placed for promotion after last weekend's fine 39-11 success against Vagabonds at Granville Park.

That six-try victory opened up a 14-point gap on their Isle of Man visitors, leaving the Os men on course for a place in the South Lancs and Cheshire One next season.

As they travel to Moore on Saturday, the Eagles will look to maintain their push, not just for promotion, but also for the title.

Last week's bonus point win kept the Eagles three points adrift of leaders Manchester Medics, who themselves took maximum reward with a 54-5 romp at Congleton.

Victory at last and Rovers try to build

WATERLOO ROVERS look to follow up their first win in three months with more of the same at home to struggling Machynlleth in the Spar Mid Wales League division one on Saturday. Two goals from Andrew Gwilt secured a 2-1 home success against Aberaeron.

WELSHPOOL face a tricky trip to Hay St Mary's while top-four side LLANRHAEADR head to Bow Street.

Relegation-haunted MONTGOMERY look to build on improvements under new boss Mike Clare – he took over when club stalwart Lee Jones stepped down to focus on playing – when they welcome Llanidloes Town.

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